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Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions

OF THE NORTHWEST.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, GEORGE H. HARLOW, SECRETARY OF STATE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting;

WHEREAS, a certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1875, for the organization of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, under and in accordance with the provisions of "An act concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and in force July 1st, 1872,

Now, THEREFORE, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State.

Done in the City of Springfield this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-ninth.

GEORGE H. HARLOW, Secretary of State.



HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. H. H. Fry.

Nine years ago we gathered in this Immanuel Church to celebrate our fourth anniversary. How well we remember the enthusiasm of that meeting! The Holy Spirit was manifestly present; gifts were poured into the treasury, and the cause of foreign missions received a fresh impulse. We were small then, numbering only 275 societies and bands, and seventeen missionaries. Our receipts were \$18,000.

To-day we stand again in this place to present our Thirteenth Annual Report. God has richly blessed us, and with grateful hearts we give glory to Him for all the way in which He has led us, and for the good work which, through His grace, we have accomplished.

The year that is just closing has moved along with no very striking events to mark its course. Death has not entered our ranks. A larger number than usual of our missionaries have been laid aside from active service by sickness, but none have been obliged permanently to abandon the field. Our beloved Treasurer, Mrs. Henry M. Humphrey, has left us, but not the She will be identified in the future with the New York Ladies' Board. Mrs. C. B. Farwell, of Chicago, has taken her place. No special effort has been made to enlarge our num-Mrs. Van Cleve, Mrs. Helm and Mrs. Oliver, at your request, have visited here and there, organizing societies and reviving some that were dead. From the first there has been an undercurrent of enthusiasm moving everything along in an irresistible way. Neither winds nor floods have affected In two towns, devastated by the whirlwinds, missionary societies have been organized, including every woman in the congregations. We have realized this unusual activity as the letters have dropped like snowflakes into Room 48, keeping us

busy in clearing them away to make room for others. Near the close of the year this enthusiasm culminated in grand Praise meetings in which nearly all of the societies joined.

While we have been gaining strength, great changes have been going on in heathen lands. The Spirit is moving upon the waste places, and whole nations are feeling the influence. Even Corea, the "Hermit Nation," is opening its gates to the gospel. A Corean is asking the Christians of America for helpers, saying: "If my request is granted, my joy will be unbounded." Never have the missionaries been so hopeful as now. In no one year have there been so many conversions. It is a soul-stirring thought that our prayers, gifts and labors, small and weak though they be, are helping to bring in the glad day when "The whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord."

Every opening field presents new opportunities for scattering God's seed. Every missionary going out opens the way for others. Schools must be established, native helpers employed, hospitals built and physicians educated. We cannot stand still in the Master's service. Each year brings its obligations which must be fulfilled, and we should not fail to meet them. We hold the gospel in trust for the heathen, and a grave responsibility rests upon us.

At the beginning of the year we asked for an additional \$10,000, or eighteen per cent. advance, for the extension of our work. It was a large request, and meant self-denial and sacrifice. But from every quarter came the encouraging response, "We think you can rely upon us for our proportion." The Treasurer's report will show how well you have succeeded. A love that goes out to the whole world is Chirst-like, full of the spirit of sacrifice. At a praise meeting, where many of the poor brought their offerings, we noticed an envelope on which was written, "This is in answer to a prayer that I might have something to give at this meeting." On opening it was found to contain ten dollars. Some came with a few postage stamps, five, ten or twenty-five cents—what they could—and always with words of love and praise.

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Our thanks are due to the officers of the Synodical and Presbyterial Societies who have so warmly received and faithfully carried forward every plan presented by the Board. On them rests a large share of the responsibility of the work, and they have proved themselves equal to the trust.

The annual meetings of these societies are generally conducted without aid from missionaries or from headquarters, and are full of interest. We rejoice in their large attendance, the unity of feeling and in their evident success. To some of the societies it has been the decennial year, and their reports show wonderful growth. In one Presbytery there now remain but three churches not taking active part in mission work. That Presbyterial society has given nearly \$15,000 to foreign missions during the ten years.

The Presbyterial society of Montana was organized in February by Mrs. Van Cleve. They begin with three societies and two flourishing Sabbath-school bands, and others will soon join their ranks. The Presbyterian church is well represented along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and we may expect our strongest allies from that rich field. The latest additions to our list are the Presbyteries of Aberdeen and Central Dakota, organized by Mrs. Oliver. Our greatest growth in the future will be northward and westward, and with such vast resources before us, we must make some advancement every year.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Sixty-one societies, fifty-five bands and eleven Sabbath schools have been organized during the year. Illinois 30; Iowa 22; Indiana 16; Dakota 14; Wisconsin 12; Michigan 11; Ohio 6; Minnesota 5; Montana 5; Nebraska 3; Colorado 2; Wyoming Ter. 1.

The total number of auxiliaries enrolled is 1,410. We have a large membership, but have not yet included all of the women in the churches represented by these societies. While revivals are in progress in China, India and Japan, still are there Christians among us who are saying, "We do not believe in

foreign missions. There are heathen enough at home." Does not this prejudice come of ignorance? We must give them facts. We must circulate more widely missionary intelligence and never rest satisfied until they are in sympathy with this cause.

We would have our young people to come more to the front. We would rely more upon their strength and energy in awakening the church to the reality of the heathen and to their necessities. We have heard of their greater activity and enthusiasm in other boards, and we would have ours not one whit behind.

Our Sabbath schools, too: we would have them all organized and mustering their forces under our foreign missionary banner; and now is the favorable time. How quickly they responded to the plea for a Christmas dime offering! One hundred and twenty-five schools contributed over a thousand dollars to that fund through our Board, and others sent their collections directly to New York. "A Christmas gift to Jesus" touched the children's hearts. Teach them to bring an offering each year and so have their share in sending the good news of a Savior's birth to the millions whom He came to redeem.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

We have sent out and assumed the support of ten missionaries during the year.

Miss Skea and Miss Ball to the Sac and Fox Indians—a new mission opened in Iowa; Mrs. Charles Fisher and Miss Sarah K. Cummings, M. D., to Japan; Miss Jacobs and Miss Burdick to Mexico; Mrs. Paul Bergen to China and Miss Holliday to Persia. We have adopted Mrs. Wm. Bird, of Abeih, Syria, and Mrs. Oldfather, of Persia, as our missionaries. They were already on the field.

Our magazine,

Woman's Work for Woman,

is increasing in favor. It has a circulation of 12,526 copies, of which 2,692 are read in the Northwest—an average of two

copies to each society. We ought to double the number, yes, more than that, with our membership. The question is often asked: How shall we reach the uninterested? Is there any better way than to persuade them to subscribe for this little monthly messenger and read it. Who can become familiar with the condition of heathen women as pictured by the missionaries, and remain indifferent to their salvation? One who reads the magazine "from cover to cover" writes: "It is packed with information conveyed in short, stirring articles by a variety of writers, each exciting the interest, so that one is scarcely willing to lay it down until the whole, even the columns of figures, is scanned and the welcome advance is noted." What will you do to widen its influence?

CHILDREN'S WORK FOR CHILDREN

Commends itself to all who read it, as just what we need in every home and Sabbath School. One of its friends writes: "It is my standard gift to several children, and I assure you they esteem no other Christmas present more than this little magazine." A boy kindly tells us, "It grows nicer all the time."

Among the 186,300 children in the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools of the northwest, only 2,665 copies of the magazine are taken. It ought not to be so. Think of the results of introducing it into every school. A great deal of tact and perseverance would accomplish it; and it depends upon you, dear friends, whether it is ever done. Send a copy to your superintendent; speak of it at the teachers' meeting; read it to your children, and pray for its success.

A box placed upon the table at Room 48, to receive contributions for the free circulation of Leaflets, yields a small fund which has aided us in scattering these little messages. Tenthousand copies of "A Mute Appeal" (five thousand of which were donated by Mr. Jacobs) have been distributed, and the enlarged chart is silently pleading for a lost world in many churches and schools.

Besides the leaflets named, we have published five others, "Invitation to a Missionary Meeting," "The Moravians,"

"Christianity Among Slaves," "Christianity Among Greenlanders," and "Mission to Labrador." In addition to our own, we have the choice publications of other boards ready to supply your orders.

The Monthly Letter has been printed as proposed at the last annual meeting, and, so far as we know, the plan is satisfactory. Their continuance is subject to your order.

We need not speak to you of THE INTERIOR, for you know its value. It is the telegraph by which we send you the latest news from all over the field, at home and abroad. And as you read our column, do you not catch something of the spirit of those precious Friday morning meetings at Room 48? You are always remembered there, and we know that many blessings come to us in answer to your prayers.

We have mentioned our sources of missionary intelligence, to which, if we add the report of the Foreign Secretaries, printed in the Annual Report, and the Foreign Missionary, published by the Assembly's Board, we have a fund of information which, if carefully read, will thoroughly acquaint you with every mission and its needs. We notice a growing demand for personal letters and a tendency to become disheartened if the desire is not gratified. Mr. Hill, writing to The Interior, queries why we have magazines, if people will not read published letters but insist on particular remembrances. There are those who lose interest and cease to give to foreign missions when they fail to hear from their special object. Let such remember the weary missionary, in her hours of rest, thinking of the twenty, thirty or sixty societies expecting letters, and there is little to tell, only of the promises and their distant but sure fulfillment. She works by faith. Will you work by sight? We must keep before us our great commission, "Go teach all nations," remembering that we are but instruments in God's hands to perfect his plans, and He will never let us fail of our highest end.

As usual, our schools in heathen lands are arranged in scholarships, but in order to avoid confusion it is deemed expedient in our Annual Report to give hereafter only the number of the scholarship, omitting all names. Pupils change; sometimes frequently; but scholarships are perpetual. Societies therefore, undertaking specific work, will think of it as supporting a scholarship, rather than a definite pupil.

MEDICAL WORK.

We have long wished to have some part in the education of young women as medical missionaries, but not until this year has the way been open. We have received three generous gifts for this purpose—the nucleus of what we expect will become a large fund. With one thousand dollars we have purchased a scholarship in the Woman's Medical College of Chicago. Eleven hundred dollars have been invested; the interest of which will be used in aiding those who wish to acquire a medical education, and go out as missionaries of our Board. We invite any who are choosing a life work to consider this opportunity. Heathen women are asking for admission to the medical colleges of India, and are received. Will Christian women shrink back from this noble work? Remember you have the high privilege of taking with you the word of life.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

In closing, may we give you a few practical suggestions? You have given nobly this year. But after any special effort there is always a tendency to fall back. Let every society at the beginning of the year determine what advancement to make, and work to that end. Do not wait until autumn. Begin with the year.

A good soldier is always watching for orders. Read carefully in *Woman's Work* and *The Interior* any suggestions from headquarters; every change among the officers, and all notices.

The secretaries of local societies should read in the monthly meetings every communication of general interest that they may receive; taking action upon all matters of business, and returning an answer at once. Much valuable time is wasted in waiting. Promptness in every action would prevent a great deal of vexation and weariness.

Write freely to Room 48 for suggestions or assistance. We are never too much engaged to give special attention to your wants.

In order to print our Annual Report in season for the meetings of the General Assembly, the Presbyterial Reports must be sent to Room 48, April 10th. Any reports received after that date will be omitted in the future.

"Who loves little, prays little: who loves much, prays much." Let us love much and pray much. "A prayer in the heart will find its way out." Encourage the timid ones to use the language of scripture. Bible prayers cover every want. Make one of the links in the chain of prayer that belts the world every Sabbath evening.

"A faint heart is the consequence of feeble faith." Let us have strong confidence in the promises of God.

The closing of the old year is the dawning of the new year. Let us turn any regrets, any misgivings for the past, into bright hopes, firm resolves for the future. Little may we have accomplished, when viewed in that full light streaming from God's promises, but trusting in their Author, we would say, "Lord increase our faith," and claim greater fulfillment of these promises, showing our faith by our works.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIES.

We reach to-day the thirteenth mile-stone in our distinctive work as a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and as we gather to take our annual survey of what has been accomplished, we would gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our Heavenly Father in permitting us to be colaborers with Christ in proclaiming the knowledge of his Redemption to a dying world. Our review begins with the

AMERICAN INDIANS.

We have now seven missionaries engaged at five different points in Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana and Indian Territory. Of these Mrs. A. E. Robertson, who has spent her life mostly in labors for the Creek Indians, has removed from Tullahassee since the breaking up of the school, and given her attention more entirely to translation. She has given to the Creeks nearly the whole of the New Testament, and this may be considered the crowning work of her long, laborious, and otherwise useful life.

Changes have come to our work in Odanah, Wisconsin.

Miss McClarry, who was at Ashland, about forty miles away, has retired from the work, and the station is left in the care of native helpers.

Miss DOUGHERTY has continued her school under difficulties consequent upon the migratory habits of the Indians. She has felt assured of *some* good results, and has had the dying testimony of a few to their faith in Christ. She is to undertake work farther within the Indian country at Round Lake, where she believes she can do more good.

The school at Omaha Agency has continued under the care of Mrs. Wade, assisted by Miss Mary C. Fetter. Though there are not as many scholars in attendance as last year, there

has been much to encourage the missionaries in individual cases. The Woman's prayer meeting has been sustained with interest and many women are helped and comforted by these faithful teachers. There were six additions to the church in January. One woman, who had waited for her husband, came without him and brought her child for baptism.

Mrs. Chapin, the wife of Rev. M. E. Chapin, who is located at Poplar Creek Agency among the Sioux Indians, is supported by this Board. They have not been long enough in their new home for Mrs. Chapin to make any special report of her work.

The Iowa ladies were inspired by a noble impulse when they undertook to improve the condition of the Sac and Fox Indians still within the borders of their State. Their first efforts must be to gain the confidence of these suspicious people. accomplish this, they have opened a room at Tama City, fitted it up attractively, covering the walls with pictures and mottoes, and supplying an organ. Two ladies are placed in charge, Miss Annie Skea and Miss Dora Ball. This home is always open to the Indians, and every effort is made by the ladies to assure them of a welcome. They entertain them with singing, which they greatly enjoy, and little gifts of pictures and cards are given them upon leaving, so as to insure their return. These ladies, by their honest efforts, have been successful in disarming many of their prejudices. Every advantage thus gained, if followed up by visiting them at their homes, and relieving their wants, is a step forward. The Indians are not slow to see the sincerity of these efforts and to express their appreciation of kindness shown them, both at the room and at their homes. We look for farther good results from these efforts of the Iowa ladies.

MEXICO.

Our school work in Monterey has gone on uninterruptedly, and with some degree of success during the past year, the capacity of the building being the only limit to the number of pupils that could have been gathered for the boarding department. Creditable mention is made of the sterling worth,

lady-like bearing and Christian character of some of the older pupils Fifteen have been under Miss Cochrane's watchful care, with the help of her assistant in the housekeeping department, while twelve day scholars have made up their school of twentyseven pupils. Some of the more advanced pupils have assisted in the day school.

Miss Cochran has had unusual burdens to bear during part of the year, as the feeble health of her housekeeper has thrown much responsibility upon her.

Miss DORA G. BURDICK joined the mission in September last, and assisted as teacher in some English branches, while studying the language; but for reasons entirely her own, she left the mission before the close of the year.

An opening for work in Zacatecas was responded to by Miss WILMA JACOBS, during the autumn. She left for Saltillo early in November, where she has been vigorously pursuing the language. She has recently gone to Zacatecas, and will find her home in the family of Rev. L. M. de Jesi, and will doubtless master the language so as to be able to take up the work which awaits her, at the beginning of the next school year.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Seven scholars have been added to our Rio Claro boarding school, under Miss Eva Dagama, during the past year, making a total attendance of from thirty-six to forty. These, with the addition of the scholars in the day school, have made their highest number during the year sixty-three. This means great labor to those in charge, as the boys and girls in the boarding department take part in the work about the house and grounds, and require the constant supervision of some one. Their examination, at the close of the year, proved creditable to both pupils and teachers.

Their Sabbath School is attended by all the boarding, and a large part of the day scholars. Six from the boarding school have united with the church during the year. Our work in the vicinity of Rio Claro, superintended by the Rev. J. F. Dagama, has met with varied success.

Our school at Pirassinunga was interrupted for a time, on account of the evil-doing of one in charge, but work was resumed in a short time by one thought more worthy. The migratory character of all the people in this region, interferes with the stability of the schools and every department of Christian work.

The "plans for new work," for which Miss Dale was preparing herself in our last year's report, have been fully matured, and she has entered upon them joyfully. We find her early in the year at Rio Janiero as the wife of the Rev. J. F. Houston, who has labored for many years in that city, and has gathered together a large and interesting church. Mrs. Houston is prepared to enter into his work, as she is master of the language. She teaches a class of young ladies in Sunday School. Her opportunities for usefulness are many, and we are confident that they will hot pass unimproved.

AFRICA.

School work in Africa is still much interfered with, and in some places entirely suspended on account of the edict of the French Government requiring the French language to be taught

Our Miss MARY L. HARDING has found abundant occupation in assisting in the boy's school. Her station is at Kangwe on the Ogove River, one hundred and sixty-five miles from the sea. She has also formed the nucleus of a girls' school with an attendance of eight scholars during a part of the year, four of whom left on account of marriage. Two of the four that remained have learned to read in the second reader and quite well in the Bible. They are studying addition and can write words and numbers very nicely. She keeps these girls in her home, where she can give them such training as she trusts will make them Christians. The girls are very apt with their needles; one has cut and made a dress without help, even to the button-holes. The great drawback to successful schoolwork among the girls is the custom of early marriages. Women are looked upon as property. The oldest male relative

is the owner. After marriage the wealth of the husband is counted by the number of his wives. The people in Kangwe are bright and of the Gawla tribe, the noblest of any in that region. They are slow to understand the *love* of Jesus, because their religion is one of fear of evil spirits, but some have become so interested that they ask to hear again and again the story of the cross. Miss Harding expresses great gratitude for her perfect health and good spirits, and the degree of success that has attended her work, which is a great comfort and delight to her.

The work in Gaboon has much to contend against on account of the Romish influence. The nuns bribe the children to attend their schools. Our missionary at this station, Mrs. G. C. Campbell, came to America early in 1883 with her husband, whose health was so broken that immediate change of climate was necessary. This is doubtless the reason that we have not received our yearly report of scholarships in Gaboon.

We usually receive our report of ten scholarships in Benita from Mrs. DeHeer, but no tidings have come from her since the early part of the year. They were then greatly encouraged in their work by additions to the church and dissensions among those who practice witcheraft. Satan's kingdom being divided against itself.

Our native teacher, Mrs. Wadsworth, at Clay Ashland, Liberia, was married last summer to Mr. Ethridge. She still continues to teach in the high school. She appeals to us for help in the way of books, maps, etc. School books are especially needed. Thanks are expressed for the gospel hymns and cards sent by a little band of Sunday school workers, which have helped to interest the children. Mrs. Ethridge has great joy in being permitted to teach her people the way of salvation. Within the year we have taken another native teacher upon our list. Mrs. M. B. Jones, daughter of the Rev. H. B. Erskine, who worked under the Assembly's Board until his death. Mrs. Jones is at Brewerville, fourteen miles from Monrovia. She is an assistant in Mrs. Barboza's school. She has about thirty girls, day scholars, under her care. She, also,

very much needs books and maps to help her in teaching. Her heart is earnestly in her work for the Master and for the children. She asks your prayers that she may labor faithfully for her benighted people.

SYRIA.

Our pulse quickens and our interest deepens as we reach Syria and tread its vine-covered hills and its mountain steeps, and survey our yearly work. We have but two representatives in Syria (as Miss CUNDALL is still in this country), Miss Susie CALHOUN and Mrs. BIRD, the wife of Rev. Wm. Bird, to whom we are so largely indebted for his interesting reports of our numerous schools. Mrs. Bird, though counted among our number only during the past year, has added much to the interest of our work in Syria by her graphic accounts of the life and customs of the people. Miss Susie Calhoun has been engaged in her school duties as heretofore; a part of the year she has been sorely troubled by the loss of her voice, which has caused her great inconvenience. During the autumn Miss Calhoun took a tour with Mr. Bird and his daughters among the churches and mountain schools. Their efforts to cheer and comfort the women were not without success.

Many of the native Christian women were induced to unite with these young ladies, and others similarly employed throughout the Lebanon villages, in daily readings of the New Testament, and seemed pleased with the idea that all would be reading the same portion of Scripture at the same time. Our deepest sympathies are with dear Mrs. Calhoun and daughter in the mysterious Providence that has taken from them their "strong arm and beautiful rod." We rejoice that, while they are alone, they are not comfortless, but are both, in their sore affliction, able to say "His way is perfect."

We have received no formal report of our scholarships in Tripoli since Miss Cundall left, but we are assured that the school is still in progress under Miss Le Grange, the former principal, and that our eight girls form a part of her number of pupils.

Our schools under Mr. Bird are mainly situated in the little villages among the slopes of Lebanon. They form almost a semicircle about the important village of Deir-el-Komr.

They have been carried on during the year with varying success, but, in the main, satisfactorily. The number of pupils has been about the same as formerly. Some of the older and more forward ones have graduated and gone to the seminary at Beirut. One is teaching in Tripoli. The course of study and the religious instruction is the same as in other years. pupils are more regular at Sunday School. The usual examinations were held with good satisfaction. Mr. Bird adds: "The people of this land are not very impressible, and we must take this into account and make up our minds to be patient. We are working upon the voung, and the next generation will be far different." Shortly after the yearly examinations a Teachers' Convention was held in the village of Deir-el-Komr. The first day, being Sunday, was devoted to the exercises of the Sunday School before the teachers, to whom were illustrated various methods of instructing and interesting children in the study of the Bible. The children were wide awake. "The teacher would make mistakes in his story in order to be set right by the little ones. A description or word picture would be given, and the children would tell the actors and places. Again, not a word would be said, but from the look or gesture they would recognize the incident intended. Jacob's ladder, the wells of Jericho and Goliath's death made the bright eyes sparkle and eager hands go up, and at the word the ready answer burst forth. History and doctrine were alike subjects of examination." Communion was held in the afternoon. Many, beside the thirty who sat down at the Lord's table, were present. A monthly concert was held in the evening, in which those present were told of the progress of the gospel in other lands. The subjects for Monday were "Study of the Bible," "Keeping of the Sabbath," "Prayer," "Change of Heart," "Baptism of the Spirit," and "Modern Revivals." These were all discussed by the teachers, led by the missionary. Tuesday was devoted to the modes of teaching the various branches

required in schools, closing with remarks on "Giving and Working for the Master." The good results of this convention were very apparent, and the interest manifested more than was expected. "The teachers who for months have been buried among an ignorant tropical population, have new life infused in them, when they come to breathe a crisp atmosphere. Their faculties are awakened and their wits quickened by contact with other minds, both among their fellow teachers and the missionaries."

What the gospel, and its necessary attendant eduaction, can do towards elevating communities is illustrated in the change that has come over one of the mountain villages where we have a school. The little village of Ain Zahalta is very difficult of access among these mountain passes. Some years since the present pastor of this village, before his ordination and while a new-fledged Protestant, was on a visit to the more aspiring village of Deir-el-Komr, when a friend greeted him thus: "Hallo there! so you from the rock heaps of Ain Zahalta, think you are wiser than our city folks." "Wait a while," was the answer, "and see if our children do not become your teachers." This reply was prophetic. This Pastor's son is Principal in the flourishing school of Deir-el-Komr, and three of the most important Principals of schools are from that rock-bound village.

PERSIA.

There are four stations in Persia in which we are represented, Teheran, Tabriz, Hammadan and Oroomiah.

We have a lasting impression of Teheran, the capital city, through Miss Bassett's inimitable descriptions during her stay in this country. She reached her Persian home after eighteen months absence, and entered upon her work with fresh enthusiasm and vigor. Her welcome was very cordial from the missionary, who spoke of her return as "shedding a rich sunset glow over the year's picture, and brightening up the work before them."

The native women and pupils were not behind in their greetings and in their little gifts, which showed their appreciation of

her. She reports much progress in the boarding school during her absence, in which our number of scholarships has increased to ten. Added to the increase of pupils, is the more encouraging feature, that for most of these pupils written contracts have been signed, giving the teachers of the boarding school full control of them for a term of years, varying from four to twelve, thus making the prospect of their progress and future usefulness much greater than when they were allowed to leave to make early marriages. This school has been in constant session for three years past, causing great labor to teachers. This is to prevent their scholars from being captured in vacation by the ever alert Romanists or from being married by parents unable or unwilling to support them. Creditable advancement has been made in their studies, and much skill gained in the use of the needle, which affords them great pleasure during their social evening hour. The girls enjoy singing, and are able to sing a large number of English hymns, while the infant class repeat texts of Scripture and the Lord's Prayer in concert. A change is reported in many of the older girls, such as only a new heart can cause. Much of this good spirit is thought to be due to the influence of an Armenian woman, an humble Christian, "the family mother," who walks closely in the footsteps of her Lord. Her chief joy is found in communing with "Him whom her soul loveth" in praying with the girls, and counseling them for their good. The work of the missionaries is not confined to school duties. They visit the women in their homes, and conduct meetings with Armenian and Jewish women which are attended with good results.

Our mission station at Tabriz has been established somewhat over ten years. There are four ladies here connected with the Board of the Northwest; one of these—the wife of the beloved physician, Dr. Holmes, whose restoration to health after a long illness has caused many hearts to sing for joy—has been specially engaged, during the past year, in carrying on a Kindergarten for children from four to eight years old, in which she is assisted by one of the recent graduates of our girls' school. It is hoped that by getting an early hold upon the

children the Kindergarten may become a nursery for the school, even as it is expected that the school will be a nursery for the Church.

The new home completed last year by the aid of our societies, is a substantial building, open on all sides to the air and thoroughly convenient and comfortable. The school numbers forty-three pupils, twenty-seven of whom are boarders. It has been under the care of Miss Clark, whose faithfulness in the discharge of her duties has won the commendation of those associated with her. There has been marked intellectual improvement in the pupils, a gradual growth of character, and increasing thoughtfulness has been apparent. Two of the scholars have united with the church, and others seem desirous of leading a better life. It is a source of deep regret to Miss Clark, as well as to the mission, that her failure in health will compel her return to this country in the spring.

Our late efficient Synodical Secretary of Indiana, Miss Hol-LIDAY, who reached Persia November last, and whose descriptions of the country and natives are very fresh in our minds, gives assistance in the school and Kindergarten and visits among the people, thus adding to her knowledge of the Turkish language, while vigorously pursuing the Armenian.

Mrs. Van Hook, who has greatly increased our interest in Persia during her home stay, rejoices in the prospect of returning in September to resume her much-loved work in the girls' school, in connection with Miss Holliday.

Miss Jewett, with a rare versatility, passes from meetings with the women to teaching in the school, and to the care of the household, combining them all as need may demand. The mission regret when for any necessity her evangelistic work among the women is interfered with, for which she is peculiarly adapted. One large, well-lighted room of the new home, easily accessible from the outside, is set apart for meetings among the women, led by this "Christ Reader," as they call Miss Jewett. Every day during the week of prayer special meetings for the women were held, and the presence of the Spirit was manifest. At one meeting more than fifty women were present, and from

different parts of the room voices were heard, one reading a passage from the Bible and making a few remarks, another reading some thought previously prepared, others leading in prayer, many of the *timid ones* finding courage to do so. Several have expressed a desire to make a public profession of Christ. 'Miss Jewett has also made several missionary tours and thus has had the opportunity of carrying the gospel to hundreds of women in many towns and villages. Earnest prayers are asked that this may be a revival year, the beginning of continued years of spiritual fullness and plenty.

It is hoped that the first hospital in Tabriz may soon be opened under the auspices of our Board, as three thousand dollars have already been contributed by one of our Managers as a nucleus for that purpose. Who will add to that sum, and thus bring physical and spiritual healing to the people of this land, so noted in Scripture and history?

We have received interesting intelligence in regard to the work in Hammadan, from our Mrs. Alexander, the wife of a physician whose free dispensary is thronged with patients to whom the bread and water of life are freely offered. It was hoped that schools might be established for Jewish girls, but the government interfered, closing also a prayer meeting which thirty-five women were in the habit of attending. Aid in this matter from our United States Minister, Mr Benjamin, whose sympathies are heartily with the missionaries, is confidently expected.

At Oroomiah, Miss Dean has charge of the girls' boarding school, where we hold twenty-two scholarships, and support two native teachers. Pupils are taught the usual branches, besides the Old and New Testament, History and Moral Science.

One afternoon in the week they devote to Sewing, Knitting, &c. The results of the education of girls here have been most satisfactory. They have shown their appreciation of school life by contributing money to pay for the tuition of an orphan girl at the Seminary. One girl of marked independence of character, is preparing herself to return to her mountain home

where missionaries can seldom go, and carry to her friends the tidings of salvation. Recent intelligence has come of a deep religious interest in the schools.

It is a matter of great regret, that of the more than two thousand children in schools under the care of the Oroomiah Station, only one-fourth are girls. This does not arise from lack of willingness on the part of Nestorian parents to have . their daughters educated, but to a failure on our part to provide the means for it. The Romanists' boarding school for girls has now nearly double the number of pupils that are in ours, and they are erecting additional buildings to accommodate one hundred more, while we crowd forty girls into narrow, imperfeetly ventilated quarters, and a school blessed by the labors of Fidelia Fiske, a Mrs. Rhea and our faithful Jenny Dean and her associates, is suffered to dwindle away for lack of sufficient nourishment. Are there not those among us who will say. "Arise and build," "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes," and look to us for the necessary supplies?

A mite society has been formed among the scholars in this Seminary. At their meetings, parts are assigned to different girls on the geography, history and missionary work of various countries. The reports of their officers and the conduct of their meetings show that they are learning business-like ways. General work among the women of the Plain has also been under the charge of Miss Dean. The societies organized among them three years ago increase in numbers. Most of the officers were originally in the school, but two of their most efficient Presidents were largely educated by their husbands. quarterly meetings are attended by from forty to eighty women and are conducted with great order and decorum. Some women walk five or six miles to be present. Practical subjects are assigned in advance, upon which discussions are held which are brief and to the point, and essays are read, some of which are models of good sense and directness. Miss Dean visits many of the villages, holding meetings with the women, visiting the schools and training Bible workers. The three High Schools for boys are also under her superintendence.

Miss Carey, notwithstanding continued feebleness through the year, taught somewhat in the schools, conducted evening prayers, and took charge of the domestic department and of the sick. Greatly to her regret as well as that of the mission, her physician ordered her to this country until her health is sufficiently restored for her to return to her much-loved work.

The Oroomiah Hospital, to which we contributed largely last year, and where we support permanently fifteen beds, is very inviting with its pleasant, airy wards. The mother of Dr. Cochran reads the Scripture daily to the patients, and points them to the great Physician of souls.

Of the eighty-three village schools in which over two thousand boys and girls are taught, we support more than three quarters, and also aid in providing the salaries of the native pastors by assuming the wives' portion.

INDIA.

There has been no change in the number of our missionaries in India. While no new ones have been sent out, there is great cause for gratitude in the measure of health and ability to labor of those already in the field.

At our most northern station, Rawal Pindi, the work of the year has been faithfully carried on by Miss Margaret M. Given and Miss Carrie Downs. The amount to be done at this station is limited only by the number and ability of the workers. These young ladies have had six schools, taught by native assistants, under their care, also a Bible woman. They visited regularly twelve homes where they had twenty pupils, some of whom they were encouraged to hope were thinking of what they were taught. For an untrained East Indian girl or woman to think is a great point gained by a missionary. At the annual meeting of the mission, these young ladies were removed from Rawal Pindi to Lodiana, where they will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Newton as formerly, and will still enjoy the benefit of their wise counsel.

The Misses Given and Downs will work in the Zenanas, for which they are well adapted. We shall hope to hear reports of

these schools at Rawal Pindi from the Misses Craic and Heron of the Philadelphia Board, who are stationed there. We have also assumed the support of twenty-five scholarships in the christian boys' school at Lodiana, under the care of Mr. McComb.

The Mission were of the opinion that Miss Pratt's influence and experience would be most valuable in this important school, consequently she was appointed to assist the gentleman in charge. We predict for Miss Pratt the same success that has attended her former efforts as teacher at Dehra. "The school still giving evidence of her skill and efficiency as a teacher."

Mrs. Bergen has been working in the vain hope that help would come to her rescue in Ambala, in the superintendence of the schools, the Zenana work, and in looking after our three Bible women. As no response has been made to the call for two helpers, she has been obliged to employ a temporary assistant. Some interruptions to the work have occurred on account of small pox in the Zenanas, also in change of teachers in our schools, but, on the whole, work has gone on with much to encourage. Late advices bring us the sad intelligence of the failure of Mr. Bergen's health, and they have been ordered to Australia. This is the fifteenth year of their labors in India.

Mrs. J. W. P. Morrison, who returned to India from this country last autumn, and the news of whose arrival has just reached us, will make her future home at Ambala instead of Saharanpur, where she had been for several years.

Another faithful laborer, Mrs. Kelso, who chronicles this year as her fifteenth in India, has been prostrated by illness so severe that her life was long despaired of. A merciful Providence has restored her to her friends and the work she loves.

Mrs. Lucas writes of the overwhelming pressure of work in every direction in Mynpurie, her new home. She finds time from her little family to superintend a Christian girls' school, which is taught on her verandah, so she can have it under her direct supervision. She teaches two classes daily. She has a

Bible class for her native women every Saturday evening, where they study the Bible by topics; also a class on Sunday, translating our own international lessons into Hindustani. Mrs. Lucas occasionally visits the heathen girl schools in the villages, which are under the special care of the Bible women.

In these schools the Bible and Catechism are taught. Three new schools have been added during the past year, making the number ten.

Changes have occurred among our Bible women. Three have married, but their places will be filled by others. Our Bible women who have been so kindly reported by Mrs. Alexander in other years, will now come under Mrs. Lucas' supervision. Our schools at Futtehgurh continue as usual, the pupils averaging in number from thirty to thirty-eight. No official report has been received as yet.

Mrs. WARREN is still alone at Gwalior with two native helpers and one Bible woman. She gathers her children in the still roofless church, the foundations of which, the people say, "look as strong as the pyramids." Mrs. Warren's whole heart is with the children, and that she is a good foundation-builder of character as well as churches, will be gathered from her own words: "My flock of children has increased wonderfully. When I last wrote you I had so many I did not know what to do with them, and now there are more. So what shall I do with them?" "With the seven rupees you sent me I bought 480 little books for my children." "I call my children colporteurs, though hardly one of them can read." "Sooner or later these books must fall into the hands of some one who can read." "Children, birds and squirrels sow lots of seed without knowing it." "I love children that want a great deal of everything except punishment, the everything meaning love, food, clothing, and lastly, love." Mrs. Warren's kindly appreciation of the pictures that have been sent to aid her in her work, she will tell in her own words: "Crowds of people stand at the door to hear my children sing, and a great many come and ask for pictures, so what shall I do?" "You have sent me a great many and I have had a great many from England and parts of India. I

need more pictures." "We need more things with which to interest children here than you do in the United States, for we work single-handed. We have not the motive power of home in the case of each child with which to join our influence to push upward each little soul. I want pictures as long as I live, for I expect to be among children all my life." These graphic words of Mrs. Warren's give us the hope that the next generation will be better than their fathers.

Our important work in Dehra has not been passed over in the change that has come to so many of our workers in India. Miss Lizzie Pendleton, who left for India in the autumn of 1882, and who has been an inmate of the Boarding school at Dehra since that time, has been placed in charge of that important institution as Principal, with three assistants. With her efficient corps of teachers we predict that this school will fully sustain its former reputation among the educational institutions of India, and that it will wield a powerful moral and religious influence over the women of that land. Sixteen scholarships belong to us in Dehra.

Miss ESTHER E. PATTEN still remains our only representative at Panhalla. She began the year with twenty-three regular pupils, to whom a few more have been added. The admission of a low-caste girl caused great disturbance in her school and the threatened withdrawal of all her other scholars. This was prevented by Miss Patten's teaching her out of school hours. This child seemed very eager to learn, and wanted to know about the *living* God, as she was sure the gods of stone could not hear her. Miss Patten, in her visits to the homes of her pupils, also to neighboring villages with her Bible women, has the privilege of telling the simple story of the Cross to large gatherings of women and children. She also conducts a weekly prayer meeting. Miss Patten finds the Bible woman an efficient helper and an earnest Christian.

The terrible evil of child-marriage hangs like an incubus over the efforts of our mission in the southern as well as in other parts of India. Distressing instances of the cruelty of this custom are narrated by our missionaries. A child of six

months old married to a man of eighty. The widowhood of this girl is too sad to contemplate. The Christian women of America have been so moved by the recital of the life-long miseries of Indian widowhood, that a petition has been prepared to be presented by them to Queen Victoria, Empress of India, that she will exert her influence to abolish this unnatural custom of child-marriages.

SIAM.

We have missionaries connected with our board at two stations only in Siam, Bangkok and Chieng Mai. Though at Petchaburi we support two schools, a native teacher and a few students, one of whom was among the fifteen men received into the church at one communion. This work is under Miss Cort, of the New York Board, and great success has attended her labors. Her number of schools has increased, and seven pupils have united with the Church during the past year. Great advancement has also been made in the industrial department of the schools, as well as in the literary.

After ten years of active and earnest labor Miss Cort returns to her home for a much-needed rest and change. Our work in Petchaburi will be under the care of Mrs. McLaren, the widow of the Rev. D. C. McLaren, who so cheerfully sacrificed his life in his Master's service, after a brief sojourn in Siam. The Misses Hartwell and Olmstead still remain faithful laborers in the Bangkok schools, in which we hold twelve scholarships.

Since Mrs. McLaren's transfer to Petchaburi, they have been alone in their school; Maa Tuam, the faithful matron still continues at her post. The pupils have enjoyed unusual health, have made fair progress in their studies, have developed peculiar skill in needle-work, and have grown much mentally and spiritually. Their Christmas festivities were greatly enjoyed, every person connected with the school receiving gifts through the generosity of home friends. The Sunday morning hours are given to attendance on preaching and the Sunday School lesson. Four of the girls in the Bangkok school have united with the Church, and others have asked for baptism, patient seed-sowing

resulting in the harvesting of sheaves. We learn that Miss Olmstead has recently opened a day school in the city, which we trust will prove another potent influence in helping many souls upward.

Many changes have taken place among our missionaries in Chieng Mai during the year past. Mrs. Jonathan Wilson in Oxford, Ohio, is fulfilling one condition of full discipleship in "waiting" with patience for strength to return to her home among the Laos, while her husband fulfills the other condition, faithfully "serving" among that people. Miss Cole, exhausted by the strain and burden of long waiting, loneliness, isolation and constant care when in feeble health, has returned to this country to gain strength for renewed labors.

Miss Wishard has joined the Canton mission as Mrs. Fulton. Miss Wirt has become the wife of Dr. Peoples, and continues among the Laos, hoping that heart and hands will be full of the Master's work. After acquiring the language she desires to start a Bible woman's training school, and she plans for opening inexpensive day schools as soon as possible.

MISS WARNER, at Chieng Mai, has suffered greatly from malarial fever during the past year, not one of the band having been exempt from an attack. This, with unfamiliarity with the language on the part of new-comers, and slowness in building operations, necessitated by the extreme dilatoriness of the natives and their utter incapacity for mechanical work, except under constant and painstaking superintendence, has prevented the satisfactory carrying-out of school work, and the funds paid in for scholarships must be applied to the general work till the school can be reorganized on a permanent basis. The boys and girls now under instruction will continue for the present to come to the houses of their teachers.

It would be well if lay workers could be sent out to the relief of our overburdened missionaries. As one actively at work in the field says: "Siam needs fifty Christian families to take the kingdom as it were by storm. Every door is thrown wide open and we can go and teach and preach and live wherever we please."

At an audience given the missionaries by the King, he said: "My father desired that each of his subjects should follow his own heart in the choice of his religion, and I also wish it done. It gives me much pleasure to welcome new missionaries to my land, for they do only good and cause me no trouble." Surely a field so promising as this should speedily be won to Christ.

CHINA.

Our work in China has been maintained during the past year with increasing interest. Our theological student, under the Rev. D. C. McCox, at Peking, is reported as a young man of unusual promise. During the past year he has been placed in a Theological Training School in Tung Cho, a few miles from Peking, where he has had the stimulus of ten fellow students, and his progress has been, in every way, commendable. During his vacations he makes a tour among the villages in the vicinity of Peking, preaching to large audiences and selling Christian books. He has two more years in the Theological Seminary before graduating. The Fullerton Avenue Church in Chicago may well be congratulated on the satisfactory result of their benefactions.

Our ten scholarships in the Ningpo boarding school have been fully reported by our Mrs. McKee. There has been sickness among the girls, to such an extent that at one time they questioned "whether it were not more of a hospital than a school." "Prayers were offered for God's blessing upon the remedies, and health returned."

Efforts to raise the standard of scholarship among the pupils is shown in the institution of weekly instead of yearly examinations, when those who recite perfect lessons, including the Sunday School lesson, receive a prize. This method has already produced marked improvement in scholarship. Another new feature is the Saturday evening prayer meeting, attended by all the girls who can read, where passages of Scripture are read upon subjects chosen at a previous meeting. Such interest is manifested "that few, if any, are the texts bearing upon the subjects that are not discovered by them." While the

deportment of the girls has been exceptionally good, Mrs. McKee records, with sorrow, that none have made a public profession of religion during the year, the first year since Mrs. McKee's connection with the school, that this blessing has been withheld. This can partly be accounted for by the fact that the girls are younger this year than usual.

Mrs. J. N. Haves, finding her lot cast in Soochow, has suffered somewhat from the malarial tendency of the climate. She is busy with the language, and is anxious to be able to speak to the crowds she meets, who know nothing of Christ. During the past year a son has been given them which brings great cheer to their hearts during their preparation for Christian work. While waiting for the establishment of a home of their own in Soochow, they have been kindly admitted into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch. Our day school under Mrs. Fitch has not been formally reported, but we know that it has been in progress during the past year.

We are sorry to record the departure of Mrs. J. N. FARN-HAM from Shanghai on account of continued ill health. leave-taking was so sudden as to secure to us only a passing account of our work, but other letters during the year assure us that our school has been in progress. The superintendence of the school was left in the hands of her daughter, Miss Lizzie FARNHAM, now Mrs. W. L. Emens, until the return of Mr. and Mrs. Farnham. The great strain brought upon Mrs. Farnham in the continued ill health of her husband and the uncertainty of his return, together with the care of the family and work, completely prostrated her. She has joined her husband in the south of France, to which place he was ordered. Our sympathies and prayers will follow these faithful servants of our Master. Mrs. Emens was married just before her mother's departure, but she will continue at her post of duty until the return of her parents, or some one is sent in their place.

We, of the Northwest, shall claim our share of the powerful influence that goes out from the Press at Shanghai as long as Mrs. W. S. Holt maintains the responsible position (which she has held for so many years) of hostess towards the crowds that

flock to our Mission Press. Such hospitality cannot be dispensed without corresponding beneficent influence. We presume her work among the women and children goes on as usual, although we have failed, as before stated, in receiving our formal report of work in Shanghai.

Mrs. MATEER finds that her close contact with the Chinese in the preparation of their new home in Wei Hien has been of great service to her in learning to understand the language. This, with her diligent and continuous study, prepares her for good service among the people. She finds the women at the close of the year, are easy of access, though their untrained minds render it difficult for them to comprehend truth, and it needs many repetitions before an idea is taken hold of. Small pox among the villages has prevented Mrs. Mateer from visiting among them. She has gathered the women in the vicinity of her home into the Sunday School, as Sunday is the day on which they have the most leisure. Large numbers come to them for books and leaflets, and in this way they have the opportunity of "sending the gospel, or portions of it, into multitudes of homes," which is done with the prayer, "that the spirit will send conviction to their darkened minds." Mr. and Mrs. Mateer's success in disarming the people of the'r prejudice, in one short year, has been very marked. beginning of the year it was not safe for Mrs. Mateer to go anywhere unattended, but now she goes where she pleases outside of the city, and receives only kindly greetings. The Governor has on several occasions rendered them prompt aid, the last time when danger threatened, visiting their home and assuring them that the people would all know of his visit, and no one would dare to molest them again. So now they are permitted to dwell in peace and safety.

A new joy has come into the home and hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Mateer, in the birth of a daughter. This means "waiting instead of serving" for Mrs. Mateer for a part of the year, but it brings gladness to their new home.

Mrs. Leyenberger stands at the head of our boarding school in Chefoo, which, though small in its reorganization,

will, we trust, in time be a power for good in that Shantung Province. The school closed at the Chinese New Year with eleven pupils. Their limited and inconvenient quarters prevent the admission of many girls who are anxious to attend. We have long been waiting for the summons "Arise and build" in Chefoo, but the need of more helpers and the necessity of retrenchment in the general work has prevented farther expansion at the station. Let us earnestly pray that a way may be opened for this forward movement.

Mrs. Corbett feels that the retrospect of the year is not very encouraging as far as apparent results are concerned. Her daily teaching, comforting and building up Christian women does not produce results that can be counted by figures. but who can compute their value? She speaks of the women listening better than formerly, nothing seeming to distract their attention; surely this should be an encouragement to any Christian worker. Mrs. Corbett, with the care of her little family, the study of the language, visiting with the Bible women, attending the Sunday School, and answering the almost daily calls for help from those about her, with her meetings with the women, gives us a record that might be laid by the side of many whose deeds are computed in figures. A new school at Chimeh, a few miles from Chefoo, has been established, which is to be under Mrs. Corbett's care, in charge of a native teacher. This. will add one more to our list of day schools in China.

Miss Jennie Anderson, whose headquarters are in Chefoo, has been sowing the seed as in former years, but not "with as strong a will or as steady a nerve." She has been compelled to leave some of her six hundred villages without a call, on account of failing strength, but the good blessing has come to her in her year of weakness and feebleness. She writes: "I have had the joy of seeing several women over whose indifference I have often mourned, and whom I have taught when it seemed to be wasted breath, baptized this autumn and going on learning as zealously as I could wish." In some localities the field is white and ready for the harvest.

On account of the newness of this itinerating work among women, it has not been possible for Miss Anderson to do systematic teaching, but it seems now developed to that extent that trained Bible women could do efficient service, and among the women who have lately become christians there must be good material for this work. We trust Miss Anderson will be permitted to prepare these women for this service. She writes "No field in all the world could be more open, no work could be more enthusing, no circle of influence could be wider; there is absolutely no limit to the work except one's time and strength. The work itself is sufficient to satisfy the head and heart of any woman. My work grows easier and attended with less annoyance every year; with a few more difficulties overcome I can see my way into a vast and steadily progressing work."

On account of the severity of Miss Anderson's work, and the great strain upon her strength and nerves, which was rapidly showing itself, the mission thought best to ask for her a leave of absence for one year; hoping that in that time Miss Anderson would be fully restored and ready for service.

Perhaps no warmer welcome is in store for any missionaries than that which greeted Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bergen, in November last, on their arrival at Che-Nan-Fou, the capital city of the Shantung Province. This is an immense inland city, manned by only two families of our Presbyterian Mission, who gladly opened their doors to Mr. and Mrs. Bergen until they could arrange for their separate home. We are sure that their presence will greatly cheer and help the other workers while they are pursuing the language.

Great excitement has prevailed in Canton during the past year, which has caused our missionaries much anxiety and embarrassment. Not only has war with France seemed imminent, but what is worse, rebellion against the reigning dynasty threatened them with all the atrocities attending an infuriated mob. Miss Noyes felt great anxiety lest the eighty girls in her boarding school, might some of them be stolen and sold. Permission was given them to return to their homes, but only two who lived at a long distance left.

Of the training school in which we support twelve scholarships, Miss Noves writes: "Since the commencement of the year, ten from this school have been received into the church, four have commenced work as Bible readers, and one is a teacher in the Training school, but all are, we hope, Christians, and many of them give promise of soon becoming useful helpers."

We have one representative of our Board in Canton in the person of Mrs. A. A. Fulton, formerly Miss Florence Wishard, of Siam. This enrichment of Canton means poverty to the Laos, which we hope will be made up to them many fold.

JAPAN.

Our report from Japan comes laden with the cheering intelligence of the blessing of our "All Father" to that nation. It speaks of "the earnestness of the native Christians as a token of the power of the Gospel upon their lives." Union meetings among all denominations of native Christians were held in Yokohama, Tokio and Osaka during the week of prayer and the week following. A native Christian said: "This is the time for missionaries and the dissemination of the truth; our people, high and low, are anxiously enquiring for the gospel." This must fill with joy the hearts of all those who, "constrained by the love of Christ," prayerfully await the blessing which they believe is to come upon this idolatrous land. Our Board has the good fortune to count five faithful workers in this Kingdom: Miss GARVIN and Mrs. FISHER in Osaka, and Mrs. WINN, Miss HESSER and Miss S. K. CUMMINGS, M. D., in Kanazawa.

Miss Garvin finds herself ready for active service, having passed her necessary period of preparation. She hopes to do her work by teaching Christianity in the native schools already established in Osaka. Although her main effort has been given to the study of the language during the past year, she has met with the women weekly for the study of the Bible and prayer, taught a few girls at her own home, and been deeply interested in Sunday-school work.

Mrs. Fisher, formerly Miss Green, of our mission among the Indians, joined the workers in Osaka during November last, where she expects to labor. We have read with interest her graphic descriptions of the life and customs of the people, and of her earnest longings to have an active part in the good work now in progress there. When Mrs. Fisher's "tongue is loosed" she will have a valuable missionary experience, which will be of great service to her in her work among those people.

The money contributed by our society for "Buildings in Osaka," and which was intended for a home for our young ladies, Misses Garvin and Hesser, and for their work, has, at the request of the young ladies, been divided, one-half providing a home for Miss Garvin in Osaka and the other being used for the home of Miss Hesser and the beginning of her school in Kanazawa.

Our station over and beyond the mountains, at Kanazawa, where Mr. and Mrs. Winn have so long and patiently labored alone, has been greatly cheered by the arrival of reinforcements, and "the best thing of all," as Mrs. Winn says, "they have come to stay." Permission has been gained from the government for another five years residence. Miss Hesser and Miss Cummings of our board, form a part of this reinforcement, so now they form a colony of six native Americans instead of two.

Miss Hesser expects to enter immediately upon school work among the native Christians, for which they earnestly plead, and for which there is great encouragement and prospect of success. During her few months stay with Mrs. Winn in the past years, Miss Hesser won the hearts of the Christian women, and their pleas for her to return to them were so urgent and honest, that she considered it a call to labor among them, which she was allowed by the Mission to do. She has already opened a Sunday School in the house of a native Christian, where ten children gather. To these she gives a bright card with a text of Scripture on it to be learned, which she hopes will be instrumental in bringing the parents as well as the children to a saving knowledge of Christ.

It was with great joy that Mr. and Mrs. Winn welcomed a physician in the person of Miss Cummings. They had sadly felt the need of medical skill during their years of isolation. Dr. Cummings finds abundant opportunity for administering to the bodily needs of the people. She writes: "Dozens of lady medical workers are needed, who could give every hour of their time to hygienic regulations and so help the coming generation of this interesting people to be ready for the truth. She has with her a Bible woman who is an earnest Christian, and who has long desired the opportunity to study medicine. She acts as interpreter for Miss Cummings in her medical practice as well as in her Christian work among the women. Miss Cummings—as do the others—teaches one hour daily in the Government school, which fulfills the terms of the contract upon which she is permitted to reside in Kanazawa.

Mrs. Winn, surrounded by her little family, dispensed her beautiful hospitality among the entire colony until such time as separate homes could be provided and made comfortable for all. Her heart is full of interest and "longing, as never before, for the salvation of souls." Her work among the women is hopeful, as many attend her meetings who are not Christians. She sympathizes with and assists her husband in his church work, cheering and comforting many who are called upon to pass through great persecution for Christ's sake.

Our faithful Bible woman, DAGUCHI SAN, who has so long and patiently worked under Mrs. TRUE in Tokio, writes of "busy days and joy in doing the Master's work." We also have a very satisfactory report of our eight scholarships in the Graham Seminary in Tokio, furnished us by Miss Lena Leete, of the New York Board. The ages of these pupils range from ten to nineteen years. Two of the older girls graduated from the seminary this year. Four are spoken of as earnest Christians, and the other four are applicants for admission to the church.

Our yearly review shows us how large an element in our work is the *educational* one. The establishment of schools and the education of the young is the first foothold to be gained

by the missionary, and in proportion as these advantages are increased, by so much is a knowledge of Christ and the gospel diffused and the cloud of superstition dispelled.

The results of our school work in the past are already beginning to show, and we can see in the future a large and steadily increasing harvest to be gathered.

Our largest work in this respect is, of course, among the youngest, or rather the most ignorant, in the primary schools, which are scattered all over our fields, and in which most of our missionaries are more or less engaged. Wherever the opportunity and means have presented themselves, these have been supplemented by schools for the higher education of girls, so that we now have, at various points, schools that are so arranged and graded as to give an education that thoroughly fits the pupils to in turn instruct their own people.

Ranging from Kindergartens to our higher boarding schools for girls, we support, in all, considerably over one hundred schools with more than two hundred boarding scholars and many thousands of day scholars, and these numbers are steadily increasing with each year that passes. The general system pursued is to give instruction in the usual branches taught in schools of the same grade at home, to which is added instruction in such of women's industrial arts, sewing, knitting, embroidery, etc., as tend to elevate and enlighten the pupils and add an element, before unknown, to their home lives. Hand in hand with this is daily taught a knowledge of the Bible and its precepts, and so the minds of the children, who come within the influence of our schools, are early imbued with Christian principles, and a constant effort is made to so bend the twig, that the tree, in its larger and sturdier growth, may thus incline.

With such a large and growing work on our hands the demands made upon us for educational appliances of all sorts, steadily increase. Almost every letter that comes to us from our workers in the field, brings a call for added facilities for this work. We need cheap cards, pictures and books for the young in our Kindergarten and primary schools, text books for the older scholars in some places, materials for knitting,

crochetting, embroidering, sewing, etc., in our industrial classes, and buildings, appliances and teachers for our work generally.

Can we! Ought we to suffer this grand progress to be checked from lack of necessary means? Every dollar now expended will have its hundred fold of increase in the coming generation, and we can see in the future thousands on thousands of enlightened and Christianized heathen as the result of our present work. If we now listen to this call the years to come will indeed "pour down upon us such a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS, BY PRESBYTERIES.

Not including Gifts for Publication.

Presbytery of	Kalamazoo	\$894	44		
46	Detroit	5,992	88		
"	Grand Rapids	341	50		
. "	Lansing	397	15		
66	Monroe	805	90		
66	Saginaw	964	31		
Synodical Soc	eiety	10	00		
	Total from Michigan			\$9,406	18
Presbytery of	Dayton (Oxford Sem.)	\$4 10	87		
"	Maumee				
. "	Bellefontaine				
66	Huron,	534	73		
"	Lima	802	88		
**	Zanesville	100	00		
	Total from Ohio			\$3,925	87
Presbytery of	Crawfordsville	\$ 1,309	33		
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	Fort Wayne. Logansport. Muncie. Indianapolis. New Albany. Vincennes. Whitewater. Total from Indiana.	1,092 1,390 389 2,686 1,478 663 993	60 41 44 33 55 32 69	\$9,99 8	67
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Presbytery of	Alton	\$879	58		
"	Cairo	475	47		
"	Mattoon	488	24		
"	Bloomington	2,306	57		
"	Peoria	2,306	93		
44	Schuyler	1,037	56		
46	Springfield	2,389	31		
"	Chicago	14,966	39		
"	Freeport	1,616	12		
"	Ottawa	588	93		
"	Rock River	809	13		
	Total from Illinois			\$27,864	23
Presbytery of	St. Paul	1,778	55		
""	Mankato	252			
"	Red River	106	42		
"	Winona	232	40		
44	Central Dakota	51	35		
"	Pembina	81	07		
"	Southern Dakota	22	08		
46	Aberdeen	16	00		
"	Northern Pacific	155	80		
	Total from Minnesota and Dakota.			\$2,696	28
Presbytery of	Cedar Rapids				
"	Waterloo	493			
"	Fort Dodge	207			
"	Dubuque	439			
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"	Council Bluffs				
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Total from Kansas	78	90
Total from Oregon.	52	
Total from Montana.	77	
Sale of Memorial of Miss Campbell	86	
Legacy	500	
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Total Receipts\$6	36,047	06
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Printing of Annual Report, leaflets, cards, circulars,		
mite-boxes\$1,060 50		
Less sales of the same		
Salary of two assistants	595 1,125	
	354	
Office expenses, stationery, postage, janitor, express charges. Expenses connected with organizing societies and extending	304	98
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our work	83	
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Presbyterial expenses, retained	•	11
Scotia Seminary	20	
	1,093	
Wm. Rankin, Treas. Board of Foreign Missions of the Pres-	1,000	vo
	6,476	97
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Total Disbursements		
	2,192	
Total\$6	6,047	06
Eighty dollars received and returned not included.		
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CHICAGO, Feb. 29th,	•	
I hereby certify that I have examined the Cash Book of Mrs Humphrey, treasurer of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Mis the North-west, from April 20th, 1883, to January 20th, 1884, a it shows as follows:	ssions	of
Total amount of receipts	1 81	
\$32,18		
For all the disbursements and the cash balance (transferred to treasurer) I find correct vouchers. H. M. Sherwood, Au		

CHICAGO, May 8th, 1884.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Mrs. C. B. Farwell, Treasurer of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the North-west, from January 20th to April 23d, 1884, and find said accounts show:

Cash balance received from the former	Treasurer	·,	
Mrs. H. M. Humphrey		. \$5,285	18
Receipts from all other sources		. 34,410	50
		\$39,645	63
Expenditures	\$37,453 5	2	
Cash on hand	2,192 1	1	
		- \$29 845	ßЗ

I find correct vouchers for all the expenditures.

H. M. SHERWOOD, Auditor.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARIES.

COLORADO.

NAME OF SOCIETY AND BANDS.	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	Child. W'k Taken.	Amount Contrib- uted.	Name of Secretary.
PRESBYTERY OF DENVER. Mrs. D. E. Finks, 252 S. 10th St., Denver, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. N. Boyd, Longmont, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. A. Lowrie, Box 1843, Denver, Pres. Treasurer. Denver Central Church. Young Ladies. Cheerful Givers. Apple Blossoms. Denver Capitol Ave. Church. Gems of Light. Denver Westminster Church. Willing Workers. Highland Church. Georgetown. Ft. Collins Longmont. Laramie, Wyoming Ter. Cheerful Workers. Boulder. Young Ladies. Greeley. Leadville. Willing Workers. Golden	33 30 19 42 22 14 19 39 19 40 31 15 21 15 30 7	3 10 4 6 1	9	20 75 100 00 20 00 55 00 17 00 10 00 33 50 10 00 20 00 25 00 25 00	Mrs. J. W. Horner. Miss Mary McCallister. Anna Blake. Mrs. Robt. Marquis, Pres. Mrs. E. D. Stoddard. Davie Sanderson. Mrs. M. E. Cleave. Mrs. Jonas Washburn. Mrs. A. E. Chase. Miss N. Lunn. Mrs. Eliza Boyd. Miss Anna Hardman. Mrs. J. E. Bemus. Miss Mary F. Walker. Mrs. J. K. Thompson. Miss Julia M. Walsh. Eddie Bitterger. Miss E. P. Northrop.
Total	405	41	13	728 00 808 42	
PRESBYTERY OF PUEBLO. Colorado Springs. No report Pueblo	20	4	2	350 00 32 00 12 00 5 00	Mrs. A. M. Davidson.

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PRESBYTERY OF MONTANA. Mrs. R. M. Stevenson, Bozeman, Pres. Pres't; Miss Flora C. Linnell, Miles City, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Lizzie D. Wickes, Wickes, Pres. Treas. Bozeman	22 21	 			Mrs. W. W. Wylie. Mrs. H. W. McIntire. Miss Flora C. Linnell. Mrs. W. F. Sanders.

ILLINOIS.

MRS. H. T. Helm, 725 W.Congress St., Chicago, Synodical President.

MRS. A. C. KNOWLTON, Chicago,
MRS. ALICE MCELROY GRIFFITH, Springfield,
MRS. S. L. SIBLEY, Pana,

Synodical Secretaries.

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PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.						
Mrs. C. H. Taylor, Alton, Pres.		1				
Pres't; Mrs. G. C. McCulloch,					- 1	
Hillsboro, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J.					- 1	
C. Burruss, Carrollton, Pres.					- [•
Treasurer.		l			1	
Chester	18	6		\$45	00	Mrs. E. S. Ray.
Helm Band				18		Paul G. Jones.
Carlyle	14	1	1	14		Miss Jessie L. Cook.
Apple Blossoms	15	Î	1 1	1		Miss Katie B. Parker.
Litchfield	95	i i	i	25		Miss Mary D. Wallace.
Sabbath School		3		5	00	
Reno, Bethel Church	18	2	2	41		Mrs. E. J. Roseborough.
Jerseyville	18	3		36		Mrs. Mary N. Holmes.
Apple Blossoms	20		2	26		Miss Nellie Wyckoff.
Plainview	8			12		Mrs. Anna C. Gulick.
Troy	20			5	00	Mrs. A. E. Sabin.
Excelsior Band					00	
Rockwood	14	3		20	00	Miss Hannah Barnfield.
Greenville		6		18	71	Mrs. Annie M. Donnell.
Sabbath School				10	12	
Alton	24	8	1	70	60	Mrs. P. B. Whipple.
Young Ladies				25	00	Miss Lizzie Duncan.
Sabbath School					00	Mr. S. K. McClure.
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Trenton. Hillsboro Cheerful Workers. Walnut Grove Ch., Carrollton. Band. Carrollton White Hall. Waveland Church, Hillsboro. Sparta. Boys Band. Shipman. Collinsville. Carlinville. Virden. Blair. Steelville.	10 11 	10 1 5 10 3	15	73 10 12 68 61 17 73 25 68 41 8	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Mrs. G. D. McCulloch, Miss Jennie M. Ryan. Mrs. G. W. Davis. Mrs. M. J. Clotfelter. Mrs. N. A. Hood. Mrs. M. B. Noyes. Mrs. A. T. Bartlett.
PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON. Mrs. Dr. Marsh, Bloomington, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. H. H. Con- over, Lexington, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Bement. Sunbeams. Buckley. Bloomington 1st Church. 2nd Church. Y. P. Mis. Band. Little Lights. Helpful Hands. Sabbath School. Champaign. Sabbath School. Chatsworth. Sabbath School. Chenoa. Young Ladies. Little Helpers. Cooksville Clinton. Danville.	50 56 13 25 17	1 	5 1	38 70 34 575 50 12 3 20 220 5 12 5 35 25 8 8	83 80 18 50 00 25 50 65 41 00 00 00 00 00	Mrs. Lewis Bodman. Miss Belle Camp. Mrs. M. M. Hartshorn. Miss Adda Wertz. Mrs. I. R. Krum. Miss Belle Chesher. Miss Maud Evans. Miss Susie Evans. Miss Susie Evans. Mrs. J. W. Dinsmore, D.I. Mrs. J. B. McKinley. Rev. C. N. Wilder. Mrs. C. A. Wilson. Rev. H. McVay. Mrs. G. J. Ferguson. Miss Ada Maxwell. Miss Ada Maxwell. Mrs. Laura Speer. Mrs. M. E. Edmiston. Mrs. C. M. Young.

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Gibson City. Shining Lights. Gilman. Heyworth. Lexington. Sabbath School. Mackinaw, (Lexington). Minonk. Sabbath School. Monticello. Sabbath School. Normal. Onarga. Pierson Band. Sabbath School. Paxton. Philo. Piper City Neely Band. Pontiac. Rossville. Tolono. Towanda. Wenona. Waynesville. Horner. Miscellaneous contributions	22 15 20 19 38 17 15 14 15 	100 8 111 4 2 2 4 7 15 5 1	5 1 9	9 50 85 00 35 00 58 30 22 00 18 75 18 00 40 00 94 75 10 00 13 75 20 00 45 15 43 99 50 00 30 00 35 00	Rev. F. A. Wilber. Mrs. George W. Cruzen. Miss Belle Cole. Miss Kate McKinney. Mrs. Kate McKinney. Mrs. H. M. Fursman. Miss Anna Gernand. Mrs. W. T. Bower. Mrs. M. J. Wise. Miss Grace Work. Miss L. Davenport. Mrs. McNutt.
PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO. Mrs. E. R. Roots, Tamaroa, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Sarah P. Orr, Carmi, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. M. Crebbs, Carmi, Pres. Treasurer. Carmi. Rainbow Band. Cobden. Salem. Flora. DuQuoin. Pearl Divers. Tamaroa.	24 22 25 9 7 15	2 2 	5 15	45 25 14 00 8 35 35 80 15 08	Miss Ella Wall.

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Carbondale Band of Helpers Bridgeport McLeansboro The Little Gleaners Golconda Olney Shawneetown Nashville Friendsville Calhoun, Richland Church Centralia Morning Stars	20 19 28 14 16 41 6 9 21 41 20 20	3 4 2 2 2 7	1 1	14 9 15 25 20 15 10 25 19	00 00 25 80 00 00 40 00 46	Miss Anna Rapp. Miss Lillie Maxwell. Mrs. C. H. Heard. Mrs. H. Clanahan. Miss Eva B. Rawlings. Mrs. Chas. Carroll. Mrs. E. V. Marlin. Miss Luella Kavenaugh. Miss M. L. Ralston.
PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO. Mrs. E. S. Williams, Chicago, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. L. R. Hall, 361 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. W. B. Jacobs, 49 Bryant Ave., Chicago, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. W. H. Swift, Room 31, Portland Block, Chicago, Pres. Treas.						·
Chicago, 1st Church. Young Ladies. 2d Church. Young Ladies. 3d Church Seed Sowers. Sabbath School. 4th Church. Mothers' Mite Society. Sabbath School. Young Ladies. Howe St. Mission Class. 5th Church. Rosebud Band Sabbath School 6th Church Young Ladies. Helping Hands. Jefferson Park Church. Fullerton Avenue Church.	39 258 60 84 30 45 45 17 32 49	21	6	1063 95 1500 30 223 981 61 299 151 167 19 33 183 49 82 203	40 65 36 00 00 57 43 67 65 25 00 69 16 59 55 72 26	Miss Corwith. Mrs. B. A. Breakey. Miss Lawrence. Mrs. J. P. Mills. Miss Rowan. Mr. Chas. D. Mill. Miss Skinner. Miss. Annie Weitzel. Miss F. Skinner. Mrs. M. J. Wilson. Mrs. C. B. Hurlbut. Miss Flora Roberts. Sumner Parmly. Miss Florence B. Wells.

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Chicago, Eighth Church Forty-First Street Church Sabbath School	30 31	12	• • •	\$103 60	22 00	Mrs. S. H. Willard. Mrs. Wm. Lathrop Mos
Reunion Church				32	00 61 55	Mrs. A. Cook.
Austin. No report		1 1				Mrs. D. K. Draper. Miss Kittie Caskey.
Bloom, just organized Braidwood	17 21 65	1 1	 1 1	10 5	00	Miss Kittie Caskey. Miss Ellen Doty. John F. Houett
Elwood	70			157	00	Miss Ella Sheldon. Mrs. D. W. Thompson.
Braidwood. Young People's Society Elwood. Englewood Evanston. Young Ladies. Children's Band. East Wheatland				189 12	85 00	Miss Belle Blanchard. Miss Nellie Adams.
East Wheatland	19	2	• • •	80	!	Miss A. C. Patterson. Miss Abbie Firestine. Mrs. Soule.
Do-What-We-Can Band Young People's Society				5 50	00	Mrs. S. R. Bingham. Miss Florence Dodge. Mrs. A. R. Taft.
Hyde ParkBible Scholars	39 33 0	12	 100	375 155	12 96	Mrs. Walter Nelson. Joseph Newkirk.
Girls' Missionary Society Joliet, 1st Church Young People's Society	20]	• • •	79	00	Miss Amelia Glaser. Mrs. H. M. Marsh. F. W. Scott.
Central Church Dean Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor				95	75	Miss Alice S. Barber. Charlie Mattison.
Sabbath School	20	10		20	00	Mrs. Annie H. Aldrich.
Children's Mission Band Lake Forest Young People's Society	29	20	• • •	1684 189	60 58	Miss Carrie Ripley. Mrs. S. S. Reid. Miss Sophie Rhea.
Steady Streams	 		• • •	172 115	01 75	Henry Durand. Miss Ettie Wetherell.
MantenoPeotonePullman, just organized	18 20		• • •	76	00	Mrs. E. W. Hume. Mrs. H. Warden. Mrs. Geo. Stevens.
Riverside	12 34	2 4 		60 100	40 00	Mrs. Carol Gaytes. Mrs. Robert Greene. Miss Beatrice Pearce.
Wheeling	28 27			28		Mrs. Magdeline Freitsch

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PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT. Mrs. Henry Freeman, Box 1803, Rockford, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Walter Arnold, 1012 E. State Street, Rockford, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. E. L. Herrick, 301 S. Second Street, Pres. Treas. Argyle, Willow Creek Church Belvidere Fountaindale, Middle Creek Ch Freeport, 1st Church 2d Church. Galena, 1st Church Mission Circle South Church Hanover Young Ladies Harvard Lena Marengo Oregon Rockford, 1st Church Nimble Gleaners Westminster Church Young Ladies Earnest Workers. Ridgefield Willing Workers. Warren Mission Band Woodstock Total PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON. Mrs. Thompson, Mattoon, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. W. M. Provine, Taylorville, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. F. A. Crocker, Taylorville, Pres. Treas.	46 44 418 72 23 15 14 20 30 12 17 11 31 24 60 60 18 43 39 15 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	7 2 8 4 4 4 4 1 2 5 5 11 6 4 92	32	31 6: 147 86 57 00 75 00 82 00 35 00 10 00 20 00 10 00 120 65 50 00 11 55 1605 30	Mrs. H. A. Peck. Miss Maggie Campbell. Mrs. Laura Malburn. Miss E. A. Hyde. Miss P. R. Corwith. Miss Carrie Jones. Mrs. W. H. Stahl. Mrs. John Phillips. Miss Lettie Gilmore. Mrs. J. M. Linn. Mrs. A. F. Folt. Miss Maggie Otis. Mrs. A. S. Hoyt. Miss Jennie McKee. Miss Anna Burnap. Mrs. Mead Holmes. Miss Kittie Gregory. Miss Rose Barden. Mrs. J. Fraser. Miss Rose Barden. Mrs. J. Fraser. Miss Fannie Ferguson. Mrs. M. B. Goddard. Mrs. M. B. Goddard. Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. S. E. Tripp.
Charleston Vandalia. Paris.	26 28 23	13 6		66 80	Mrs. Clara A. Gage. Mrs. G. D. Jerauld. Mrs. M. M. Collom.

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Neogo. Shelbyville. Morrisonville. Pana Rainbow Miss. Y. L. Society Willing Workers. Tuscola. Taylorville Kansas. Effingham Dudley. Casey. Band. Prairie Home. Mattoon. Assumption.	26, 23 13 52 19 21 18 20 7 9 10 37 18 18	8 2 3 4	11 7 10	35 0 30 0 72 3 6 4 14 1 40 0 26 4 10 0 11 8 10 3 18 2 50 0	Mrs. A. E. Stone. Mrs. H. S. Jordan. Mrs. D. Acken. Miss Mate Lewis. Miss Lillie Kirkpatrick. Miss Lida Lawrance. Miss Helen S. Stevenson Mrs. W. M. Provine. Mrs. M. A. Russell. Mrs. Anna Dobbins. Miss Belle Dille. Miss Belle Dille. Miss Della Walker. Miss Ella Baird. Mrs. F. B. Webster. Mrs. Jennie Balliett.
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA. Mrs. K. C. Moody, Mendota, Pres. Sec'y; Mrs. T. F. Wood- bridge, Mendota, Pres. Treas. Aurora. S. S. Mission Band. Oswego. Au Sable Grove, (Yorkville). Morris. Paw Paw Grove Mendota. Somonauk Rochelle Waterman. Waltham (Utica). Union Grove (Granville). Fannie Crandall Band (Streator) Sandwich. Elgin. Pingree Grove Cheerful Workers. Grand Ridge.	17 22 19 41 20 40 25 29 32	2 2 16 7	7	25 0 23 0 36 2 16 5 18 0 130 0 60 0 47 8 20 0 44 1 8 0 30 2	5 Mrs. Thos. Galt. 6 Miss Jennie Skinner. 7 Mrs. M. E. Jenison. 8 Mrs. Jesse Carpenter. 9 Mrs. S. A. W. Patrick. 9 Mrs. D. C. Wright. 9 Mrs. S. D. Newton. 9 Mrs. Israel Brundage. 9 Miss Fannie C. Jones. 9 Miss Mary W. Sproule. 9 Miss E. Stuart. 10 Miss M. M. Miller. 17 Miss Maggie J. Sheldon 10 Miss Irene McConnack. 10 Miss Jene McConnack. 11 Miss M. B. French.
Total Paw Paw Grove Church, special meeting				15 0 30 0	0 Home Board.

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PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA. Mrs. J. G. Johnston, Peoria, Pres. Pres't; Miss Julia H. Johnston, 105 Sixth Street, Peoria, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. H. Morron, 805 N. Jefferson Street, Peoria, Pres. Treas. Peoria, 1st Church E. R. Edwards Miss. Band Little Lights. Second Church. Light Bearers Calvary Church. Willing Workers. Grace Church. Sabbath School. Canton. S. S. Mission Band. Merry Workers. Lewistown. Mission Band Young Ladies. Galesburg Pearl Seekers. Oneida. Mission Band Knoxville. Whatsoever Band. Princeville. Winn Band Princeville. Winn Band Prospect Church, Dunlap. Little Sheaf Gatherers Farmington. S. S. Mission Band Ipava. Mission Gleaners. Eureka. Busy Bees Delavan. Sabbath School Mrs. J. H. Burlingame, special Yates City. S. S. Mission Band Green Valley Rural Gleaners.	80 165 25 60 80 24 27 32 38 8 30 10 27 32 20 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 26 27 27 28 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 20 	13 2 2 11 10 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13	15 	91 92 82 224 22 70 82 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62 62	7 Miss Minnie Lindsay. 0 Isabel Harris. 5 Miss Louise Thrush. 8 Miss Blanche Coffey. 0 Mrs. Ruth Howells. 0 Charles L. Howells. 0 Mrs. W. P. Bowers. 0 Miss A. E. Brearley. 5 Mr. Will. R. Haines. 0 Miss A. E. Brearley. 6 Mrs. A. G. George. 8 Mrs. A. D. Ross. 2 Mrs. O. T. Johnson. 0 Miss Anna B. Judson. 7 Mrs. M. W. Pittard. 0 Miss Nellie Carlton. 0 Miss A. O. Sanburn. 0 Miss Stella G. Henry. 5 Mrs. Lydia Yates. 0 Alva Dunlap. 5 Mrs. P. W. Petrie. 4 Miss Mary Coyner. 0 Miss Jennie Babcock. 0 Miss Jennie Babcock. 0 Miss Mary E. McCune. 3 Mrs. Martha Murray. 0 Miss Lizzie Duncan.	

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Elmwood	25			\$10	00	Miss Minnie Purcell. Miss Lillie Purcell.
Blanchard				100		
French Grove	28			48		Miss Nellie Coolidge.
Salem, Smithville P. O	18					Mrs. Martha Turbett.
Brunswick, Cramer P. O	16 5			7.5	00	Mrs. Nellie Stookey.
Brimfield Vermont	5			7	00	
Astoria	٥	1	· • •		VV	Mrs. Dilworth Carter.
Elmira	28	7		41	90	Mrs. C. B. Rutherford.
Sabbath School				14	25	
Deer Creek	22	11			25	
Altona		!	ļ	5	00	Mrs. Etta Tamblyn.
Washington	10			13		Mrs. E. B. Anthony.
Sabbath School				3	82	Miss Florence Doughert
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Low Point		$ \cdot\cdot\cdot $	• • •	10		
Limestone	,· • • •)	• • • ;	¦ • • •		00	
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Total Home Missions	1653		93	2427 1172		
PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER. Mrs. J. Ross Mills, Rock Island, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. G. L. Lyon, Sterling, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. E. B. Miner, Norwood, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. R. S. W.						
Ely, Morrison, Pres. Treas.	00		-	00	90	Man T W Channel
Rock Island, Broadway Church	20	1	7	100.00	30 67	Mrs. J. W. Stewart. Mrs. J. W. Stewart.
Sabbath School Ruth's Band	20					Miss Nellie Hayes.
Rush Lights	20			00	UU	Mrs. Charles Rose.
Central Church	17	1	6	25	97	Mrs. H. M. Freeman.
Sabbath School]				Miss Mary Cleland.
Seaton	22		ļ	17	50	Mrs. W. P. Criswell.
Newton (Kingsbury)	25		1	100		Mrs. L. A. Slaymaker.
Edgington	43		· · :			Miss Helen Fisher.
	$\rho \Delta$	7	2	125	00	Mrs. N. H. G. Fife.
Sterling	60					M. D. O. A.
SterlingLittle Gleaners, just organiz'd Aledo	18 28		2		4.	Miss Ruth Coughey. Mrs. O. J. C. Lorimer.

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Norwood. Young Peoples' Band Morrison. Willing Helpers. Millersburg. Albany. Princeton. Armor Bearers. Woodhull. Fulton. Sabbath School. Geneseo. Here-Am-I Band Milan. Sully, newly organized. Dixon. Hamlet. Kewanee Garden Plain. PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER,	9 44 33 15 18 13	13	13	9 00 66 00 35 00 60 00 22 50 30 29 9 00 5 00 28 00	Lillian Whittemore. Mrs. S. W. Ely. Julia Wallace. Miss Mattie Bay. Mrs. R. Van Deusen. Mrs. Tracy Reeves. H. Bryant. Miss M. Bunce. Mrs. Payson Trask. Mrs. Payson Trask. Mrs. Mary Nichols. Bessie Rummel. Mrs. John Dickson.
Mrs. J. G. Rankin, Macomb, Pres. Pres't; Miss Kate Erwin, Rushville, Pres. Sec. and Treasurer. Appanoose. Augusta. Band. Bardolph. Carthage. Band. Dewdrops, just organized. Camp Point. Clayton. Chili. Ebenezer (Macomb). Elvaston. Sabbath School. Fountain Green. Hamilton. Hersman. Band. Kirkwood. Band.	100 300 100 201 230 200	2 2 3 6 6 3	15	18 80 6 00 35 00 30 00 51 75 1 00 26 00 20 00 12 63 20 00 10 90 23 33 9 97 50 00	Miss Sara J. Park. Mrs. Levi Barber. Miss Sarah L. Hyde. Mrs. Levi Barber. Mrs. O. Noble. Mrs. M. A. Stiffy. Miss Mollie Henderson. Miss Abbie Berry. Mrs. Laura Brandon. Miss Annie M. Ringland Miss Lizzie B. Hersman. Miss Lizzie Orr. Mrs. E. W. Thomson.

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MacombBandEarnest Workers, just organ-	86 22		i		Mrs, Annie C. Venable Miss Helen Venable.
ized	12 22 24				Miss Lucy Wheat. Mrs. K. S. Curry. Miss Kate I. Curry.
Quincy. Sabbath School. Perry. Prairie City.	50 18 24		***	$\begin{array}{c} 118 & 05 \\ 25 & 00 \end{array}$	Mrs. Wm. Hart. Mrs. M. C. Reynolds.
Rushville	31 23 619	5	8	50 00	Miss Kate Erwin. Miss Sara Gray.
PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD. Mrs. Dr. J. H. Brown, Spring- field, Pres. Pres't; Miss M. J. McCartney, Jacksonville, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Alice McElroy Griffith, Springfield, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. B. H. Brainard, Lincoln, Pres. Treasurer.					
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Springfield, 1st Church. Young Ladies. Sabbath School 2d Church Young Ladies. Sabbath School	80 20 250 21 19 250	24 7			Miss Kate Hale. Miss Nellie Divelbliss.
Young LadiesSabbath School2d ChurchYoung Ladies	20 250 21 19 250	24 7	2 2 	74 00 100 65 131 25 125 00 76 03 	Laura Lusk. Miss Elisie Griffith. Miss Kate Hale. Miss Nellie Divelbliss. Miss Alice Conkling. Mr. E. A. Mills. Matilda Fernandes. Mrs. David Gillispie. May Leech. Miss Nellie Danken.

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Pisgah (Orleans). Unity (Woodson). Pleasant Plains (Sallula). Petersburg. Sabbath School Virginia. Williamsville. Chatham N. Sangamon (Petersburg).	15 19 50 16	1 2 3 1 1	2	21 40 44 35 36 6	75 00 00 60 44 00	Mrs. F. B. Ayres. Miss Eliza Fracketon. Sam. Montgomery. Mrs. S. H. Wilson. Mrs. M. C. Pickrell. Miss Maude Thayer. Miss Laura P. Moore.
Total	502	104	42	1977	83	•

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Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson, New Albany, Synodical President. Mrs. E. H. Mann, New Albany, Synodical Secretary.

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PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDS-	-					
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Mrs. Jno. M. Bishop, Coving-	.				- 1	
ton, Pres. Pres't; Miss Maggie	- 1				- 1	
T. Garritt, Delphi, Pres. Sec.;	- 1		-			
Mrs. Thos. J. Rainey, Lafay-	- 1					
ette, Pres. Treas.	- 1					•
	20	Q		99	45	Mrs. R. S. Miner.
Willing Workers	15	ပ		97	95	Ida C. Wise.
Beulah (Rob Roy).	10	• • • •	*	01 29	50	Miss A E Dumber (Attice)
Bethany (Marshall)	177	٠٠.	• • •	60	90	Miss A.E. Dunbar(Attica)
Pothol (Channondole)	14					Mrs. Hattie Dooley.
Bethel (Shannondale)						35 7 4 35
Mount Family Band	4	•••	• • •	9	00	Mrs. J. A. Mount.
Crawfordsville, 1st Church	20	z	• • •	28	25	Mrs. Z. J. Burns.
Center Church	75	• • •		100		Mrs. Prof. Campbell.
Sabbath School 1	180			80	00	Mr. D. C. Smith.
Covington	20	2		14	40	Miss Mary Nelson.
Mission Band	18		10	16	44	Mary Claypool.
Delphi	42	6		108	10	Mrs. Emma G. Tee.
Sabbath School 1	50		13	27	00	Miss Lillian Cory.
Dayton	38	7		52	00	Mrs. A. L. Elliott.
Sabbath School	33		2	110	00	Frank M. Roth.
Dover (Cason)	12	- 3		-5	00	Miss Belle Caldwell.
Elizaville	15	1		5		Miss Kate Kersey.
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Mission Band	15		5	8	00	Alice McMean.
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Fowler. Frankfort. Sabbath School Mary Campbell Miss. Soc. Kirklin. Judson. Lafayette, 1st Church. 2d Church. Little Helpers. Links and Strands. A. Louise and Josie M. Falley. Lebanon. Newtown. Parkersburg. Rockville. S. S. Mission Band. Rockfield and Rockfield and Rockfield and Rockfield and Rock Creek. Thorntown. S. S. Mission Band. Union (Mace). Wea (Romney). Waveland. Williamsport. Pressyttery of Ft. Wayne.	14 77 20 20 20 11 34 56 15 28 16 33	1 2 2 8 2 8 1 5	2 5 2 8	\$6 00 40 00 25 00 61 56 2 00 7 50 91 11 387 11 38 00 11 26 39 00 11 26 45 80 22 00 35 00	Miss Lena M. Bryant. Mrs. Amanda Thompson Miss Laura A. Allen. Mrs. L. W. Stevenson. Mrs. Ada B. Falley. Miss Effie Horn. Mrs. T. W. Huckstep. Miss Lessie Coan. Mrs. J. W. Foster. Mrs. D. W. Stark. Mrs. D. W. Stark. Mrs. Lina Rankin. Mrs. A. H. Vannice. Miss Suda Bratton. Miss Mary C. Meigs. Miss Sarah Bennet.
Mrs. Prof. A. Blunt, Goshen, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Isaac d'Isay, 26 Douglass Avenue, Ft. Wayne, Pres. Sec.; Miss S. S. Keil, 145 W. Superior St., Ft. Wayne, Pres. Treas. Goshen. Sabbath School. Lima. Sabbath School. LaGrange. Sabbath School Ft. Wayne, 1st Church. Class in Sabbath School. 2d Church. Pearl Gatherers. 3d Church. Lillies of the Valley. Warsaw. Go Forwards.	55 28 20 96 50	 3 12		25 00 55 05 22 00 40 00 10 00 877 88 25 00	Mrs. S. T. Cooper. Mrs. S. T. Cooper. Miss Ida Cathcart. Mrs. M. E. Hoffman. Mrs. O. J. Willson. Miss Jennie Hayes. Mrs. Geo. Esmond. Miss Mary Brokan. Mrs. J. M. Webber.

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Kendallville. Sabbath School. Bluffton. Pierceton. Elkhart. Sabbath School. Auburn. Huntington. Willing Workers. Young Folks.		2	9	35 0 15 0 5 5 98 8 33 0 25 0 14 2	0 Mrs. M. E. Goodman. 0 Mr. T. Wakeman. 0 Mrs. J. R. Spencer. 0 Mrs. P. Conrad. 1 Miss Millie A. Herring. 1 Miss Mamie Kenyon. 2 Mrs. M. C. Hartman. 3 Mrs. S. K. Sessions. 4 Lulu Hoffman. 4 Anna McGossagal.
PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS. Mrs. A. H. Carrier, 619 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. G. A. Wells, 181 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. R. V. Hunter, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Ad Lecklider, 196 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Pres. Treas.					
Bloomington. Grettie Y. Holliday Band. Bethany Church (Whiteland). Columbus. Franklin. Do-What-We-Can Band Greenwood.	10 37 44 38	4 2 11	1	2 0 38 7 250 0	5 Mrs. C. M. Keller. 0 Mrs. Laura Sandefur. 0 Miss Lizzie Overstreet.
Greencastle. Hopewell Church (Franklin) Southport. Indianapolis, 1st Church Sabbath School 2d Church	29 29 38 80 			72 1 25 0 553 1 121 7	Mrs. C. D. Harding. Mrs. J. A. Goulding. Mrs. John M. Butler.
Sabbath School Young Ladies Tabernacle Church Sabbath School Girls Infant Class 4th Church Sabbath School	15 35 14 50 125	 	13	65 0 344 4 10 0 5 5 40 0 163 1	0 Mrs. Wm. Thorn. 4 Mrs. M. N. Fulton. 2 Mamie George.
5th Church	10 8 40	1 1		8 7 10 0	0 Mrs. M. Covert.

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Indianapolis, Indianola Church Memorial Church 12th Church Miss Annia Poage (Oxford, O.) To Miss Hollidav To General Fund Total		2		55 16	20 50 00 00 00	Miss Maggie Traub. Mrs. C. Freyberger. Miss M. L. Hitchcock.
PRESBYTERY OF LOGANSPORT. Mrs. J. F. Kendall, Laporte, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. A. V. Bar- tholomew, Valparaiso, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Miss C. M. Hitch- cock, Michigan City, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. C. N. Sher-						
wood, Mishawaka, Pres. Treasurer. Monticello Young People's Society Willing Workers Rochester. Band of Hope. Meadow Lake (Wolcott). Lake Prairie Church (Lowell). Helpers Remington. Young Ladies. South Bend, 1st Church Young Peoples' Society. Band. Valparaiso. Willing Workers. Logansport, Union Church Hebron. Mishawaka. S. S. Mission Band. Laporte. Young Ladies. Crown Point. Logansport, 1st Church	30 20 30 32 16 20 6 8 33 17 38 45 26 10 15 90	1 2 8 8 10 5 4	23 8 6 11 4 1	122 688 166 299 122 255 300 180 61 388 55 200 201 688 53 7	05 84 00 00 00 15 00 00 25 14 00 24 49 85 00 00 44 09	

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Logansport, Broadway Church Sabbath School Willing Workers. Michigan City. Sabbath School Mt. Zion (Rochester P. O.) Plymouth Apple Blossoms. Young Ladies. Rensselaer Bourbon. Goodland.	120 9 25	5 7	6 9	36 78 12 00 46 42 37 95 25 00 5 00	Miss Clara Hepp. Mrs. Geo. C. Orr. Miss Annie Hutchinson. Mrs. John Quigg. Mrs. E. S. Brooke. Mrs. Tirzah Vanatta. Miss Hattie Read.
Pisgah Church (Curveton) PRESBYTERY OF MUNCIE. Mrs. O. J. Conner, Wabash, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. E. H. Goodykoonts, Anderson, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Miss Nellie Gilbert, Tipton, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Miss M. Jennie Neely, Muncie, Pres. Treas. Anderson	26	10		15 00	Miss Geneva H. Read. Mrs. I. R. Conwell. Miss Sarah Boyd.
Jonesboro. No report. La Gro. Marion Noblesville. Perrysburg Portland. Little Volunteers. Peru. Sunday School. Tipton. Union Young Ladies. Young Missionaries.	17 6 14 10 36 18 17	2 1 2 5	9	30 00 12 48 30 00 5 00 55 15 13 00 15 75 10 00	Mrs. T. P. Davis. Miss Jessie Simonton. Miss Kate C. Haynes. Miss Lillie Tipton. Mrs. T. Dawson. Miss Nellie Gilbert. Mrs. Geo. W. Seymour. Miss Nettie Jackson.
Total Missionaries Yabash Muncie Infant Class. Total	25	 4 	1 10	55 00 4 00	Mrs. N. C. Bacon. Mrs. A. E. Smith.

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PRESBYTERY OF NEW ALBANY. Mrs. Emily P. Lynd, New Albany, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. W. M. Lewis, New Albany, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. C. H. Conner, Box 845, New Albany, Pres. Treas. Salem Little Helpers. New Albany 1st Church Sabbath School 2d Church Sabbath School 3d Church Sabbath School West Union Mission School Jeffersonville. Madison, 1st Church Young Ladies Charlestown. Madison, 2d Church Vernon Anna Fink Band Mitchell. Hanover. Light Bearers Young Ladies Bedford Paoli Sabbath School New Washington Seymour Owen Creek Lexington Band Livonia Pleasant New Philadelphia Mrs. W. S. Culbertson. Total PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES. Mrs. E. T. Drew, 708 Upper 2nd St., Evansville, Pres. Sec.; Miss Annie Archer, 426 Upper 1st St., Evansville,	60 35 400 12 30 16 38 14 30 8 18 7 15 90 23 18 16 1200	8 2 3 3 3 3 5 1 1 3 2 1	12 1	\$ 45 \$19 30 50 00 70 00 50 00 52 50 00 50 00 50 00 15 75 80 00 50 86 50 00 2 00 10 00 2 65 2 50 2 50 2 50 2 50 3 50 3 50 5	Miss Theo. E. Hedden. Miss Nellie Bradford. Miss C. Eldrege. Mrs. S. Loughmiller. Miss Annie McCullogh. Miss Winesburg. Mrs. W. A Graham. Miss S. Willie Lyle. Mrs. M. E. Wilson. Mrs. C. E. Sullivan. Miss Annie E. Barr. Miss Annie E. Barr. Miss Mattie Pearson. Mrs. S. C. Garritt. Miss Gertie Morse. Mrs. B. S. Luckett. Mrs. W. T. Gooden. Mrs. M. I. McCormick. Miss Naomi Weir.
Pres. Treas. Evansville, Walnut St. Church The Messengers	ł		 4	90 _ 00 50_00	Mrs. F. W. Little. Miss Hattie Urie.

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Evansville, Grace Church Busy Bees First Avenue Church Willing Workers. Terre Haute Central Church Cheerful Givers Princeton Little Gleaners Vincennes. Go Forwards Upper Indiana Church Washington Sullivan Brazil Petersburg Spencer	23 9 14 16 14 32 19 29 28 20 17 16 15 20	11 8 2 4 5 3		15 00 32 00 32 00 32 00 57 85 34 44 37 55 51 32 17 25 25 00 10 00 13 00 12 00	Mrs. M. J. Bullock. Miss Alice Wiltshire.
Total. PRESBYTERY OF WHITE WATER. Mrs. S. A. Bonner, Greensburg, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Greensburg, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. R. Preston, Richmond, Pres. Treas. Brookville. Cambridge City. College Corner, Ohio. Connersville Band Ebenezer (Dublin) Greensburg. Sabbath School Young People's Society Kingston Knightstown Liberty. Mt. Carmel. Richmond	30 11 27 60 10 106 10 30 30 16 20 76	2 2 1 13	 1	15 00 21 90 20 00 35 00 310 80 50 00 2 70 79 55 21 80 6 00	Miss Mary S. Moore. Miss Emma Wheeler. Miss Jennie Pettis. Miss Anna Hamilton. Miss Belle Coffin. Mrs. M. Grover. Mrs. M. Grover. Miss Libbie Donnell. Miss Mary Hamilton. Mrs. R. M. King. Miss Lida Brown. Miss Lizzie Applegate.
Sabbath School Rushville Sabbath School Sardinia Shelbyville Sabbath School Golden Rule Circle	200 39 150 8 33 	12 1 7	8 5	90 00 19 12	Mrs. D. L. Mather. Mrs. E. Villabrille.

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MRS. D. W. C. Rowley, Cedar Rapids, Synodical President.
MRS. J. F. YOUNG, Vinton,
MRS. ALEX. SCOTT, Dallas Centre,

Synodical Secretaries.

Name of Society and Bands	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	Child. W'k Taken.	Amount Contrib- uted.	Name of Secretary.
Presbytery of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. E. H. Avery, Vinton, Pres. Sec. and Treas.				\$00.00	Mag South A High
Anamosa. S. S. Mission Band Blairstown	15	5		8 00 41 75	Mrs. Edith B. Smith.
Cedar Rapids, 1st Church 2d Church Sabbath School	287		22	203 00 85 00 50 00	Mrs. A. R. Foote.
Coe College Y. L. Miss. Soc Clarence	18 18 20 17	8		88 65	Mrs. A. J. Scott. Mrs. S. J, Bishop. Mrs. R. J. Espy.
Delmar	9			5 00	Mrs. E. J. Norton. Mrs. J. W. Brewer. Miss Ella Willson.
Linn Grove (Mt. Vernon) Lyons Marion:	21 11 35			10 65	Miss Nelia Kyler. Mrs. G. D. Young. Mrs. Geo. Cook.
Working Band	26 28	 4 8			Miss Mary Cook. Miss Mary E. Thomas. Mrs. W. E. Platner.
Young Ladies	10 29	 5		30 00 10 00 15 00	Mrs. James S. Espy.
Send Me, Band	39 200			221 25 33 19	William H. Jordon.
Watkins	9 17 84	2	 6	9 63 73 46 5 00 24 00	Miss Julia McClure. Miss Mabel Loomis.
TotalSpecial for Sac and Fox Indians				962 15 147 50	·

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PRESBYTERY OF COUNCIL BI-UFFS. Mrs. C. H. De Long, Greenfield, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. S. L. McAfee, Malvern, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Avoca. Redford Clarinda. Corning Sabbath School. Council Bluffs Young Ladies. Emerson Essex Fairview Greenfield Beacon Lights Lenox Logan Willing Workers Malvern Young Ladies Sabbath School Menlo. Nodaway Red Oak Pearl Gatherers Shenandoah Sidney Villisca.	15 17 38 25 25 17 5 8 10 23 9 18 8 20 12 12 34 34 18 24 34 18 18 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28	58 83 9 2 2 10 12 6	8 30 1 5 8	12 00 45 00 82 00	Mrs. M. J. Sutherland. Mrs. A. B. Turner. Mrs. A. B. Turner. Mrs. J. H. Love. Miss Anna Mayes. Mrs. T. M. McDonald. Mrs. E. D. Middleton. Mrs. H. K. Hamblin. Miss Anna McNay. Miss Alice E. Taylor. Mrs. D. B. Herriott. Mrs. G. R. Carroll. Miss Laura Cadwell. Mrs. S. L. McAfee. Miss Martha Clafin. Miss Jessie Duncan. Mrs. L. C. McOmber. Mrs. E. A. Dunning. Mrs. H. N. Moore. Miss Eva Lawrance. Mrs. J. E. Mathuss. Mrs. Olive B. Thornell.
Total			73 	624 00 24 00 14 30 12 83	
Total PRESBYTERY OF DESMOINES. Mrs. C. Ollerenshaw, Albia, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. A. Blanchard, DesMoines, Pres. Sec. and Treas. DesMoines, 1st Church	66			675 13 200 00	Mrs. J. A. Blanchard.

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DesMoines, 1st Church Y. L. Sabbath School Westminster Church East DesMoines Winterset Indianola Russell Chariton Albia Sabbath School Oskaloosa Adel Dexter Sabbath School Knoxville Osceola Sabbath School New Sharon S. S. Band Newton Lineville Hartford Leon Centerville Dallas Center Earlham Sunday School South DesMoines	20 25 48 32 19 7 34 25 16 30 21 12 10		16 10	40 00 20 000 25 000 11 000 25 000 25 000 25 000 25 000 25 000 53 000 11 500 8 500 11 500 8 100 10 000 6 25 12 50	Mrs. J. W. Kennedy. Mrs. O. G. Todd. Miss Anna C. Young. Mrs. J. M. Baugh. Mrs. John Risser. Miss Ellen Crane. Mrs. Lizzie Hoge. Mrs. L. E. Banta. Mrs. R. J. Swickard. Mrs. J. C. Wilson. Mrs. J. A. Johnson. Mrs. D. Craig. Mrs. C. J. Swearingen. Mrs. Day. Miss Claribel Scott.
Total Cash Contributions for H. M Box Contributions for H. M	447			647 65 331 64 150 00	
$\textbf{Total}\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$				1129 29	
PRESBYTERY OF DUBUQUE. Mrs.D.J.Burrell,1108 Locust St., Dubuque Pres. Pres't; Mrs. M. E. S. Vincent, Winthrop, Sec. and Treas. Dubuque, 2d Church Armor Bearers		•••		204 25 60 00	
Lansing	19	6		20 00 10 00 8 00	Mrs. J. C. Barclay. Mrs. Fred Tyler. Mrs. S. E. Ratcliffe.

NAME OF SOCIETY AND BANDS.	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	Child. W'k Taken.	Amount Contributed.	Name of Secretary.
Independence	45 15 18			5 11	Mrs. M. C. Merriam.
PRESBYTERY OF FT. DODGE. Miss Sue Breese, Ft. Dodge, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Boone	15 14 17	1 1 10 4 27	40 1 125	30 00 11 00 5 37 18 75 70 00 8 00 34 00 18 35	Mrs. Sadie H. Plumb. Mrs. Ed. McEachron. Mrs. A. E. Smith. Miss Martha J. McNeil. Miss Hattie B. Page. Mrs. C. H. Cobb. Miss L. Short.
PRESBYTERY OF IOWA. Mrs. Richard Waugh, Mt. Pleasant, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Geo. B. Smyth, Keokuk, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Burlington, 1st Church. Mission Band. Fairfield. Gleaners. Kossuth. Little Reapers. Morning Sun. Mediapolis. Mission Band. Middletown. Mission Band.	30 30 23 	11 6 8 	10 7 7	75 62 100 00 26 80 75 00 32 00 63 00 44 30 28 94 20 00	Mrs. M. J. Chick. Miss Lillie Andrews. Mrs. Belle Bradbury. Miss Pearl Conditt. Mrs. Daniel Matson. Susie Matson. Miss Anna M. Reid. Mrs. M. L. Heizer. Rosa Heizer. Mrs. A. R. Clark. Miss Jennie E. Catlin.

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Mediapolis Mission Helpers Troy Mt. Pleasant, Highland Branch 1st Church Ottumwa. Willing Workers. Martinsburg Young Ladies New London Mission Band Winfield Ft. Madison Libertyville Birmingham Spring Creek Union Keokuk Willing Workers S. S. Work in Persia	26 17 21 9 30 8 22 27 35 17 28 14 30 50	4 1 2 1 2 5 4	3	20 95 43 32 10 2 14 14 37 30 24 36 35 40	00 00 25 00 52 25 20 87 10 00 30 75 45 13	
Total	624			1145 211		
Mrs. M. F. Francis, Brooklyn, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. E. E. Ever- son, Washington, Pres. Sec. and Treas.				_		
Atalissa Brooklyn	13 7				00	Miss Tillie Atkinson. Mrs. A. J. Wood.
Crawfordsville	13				75	
Daisy Band Davenport, 1st Church	28	1	··i	60		Mrs. J. M. D. Burrows
Pansy Band	30	5	 	62	50 30	Miss Emma Spink. Mrs. L. H. Jackson.
Iowa CityWilling Workers			:::		00	
Keota	12			6	80	Miss Mattie Anderson.
Malcom	8	• • •	· · ·		48 00	Mrs. M. F. Francis.
Marengo Montezuma	24	1			00	Mrs. L. W. Wilson.
Muscatine	45	7			00	Miss Rebecca Dobbs.
	11	9		10		Miss Fidelia Skinner.
Oxford		-				
	14 17	3	4	13	58	Mrs. G. B. Smith. Mrs. J. Q. Howard.

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TotalFor Home Missions	18 18 360	10 51	17	77 75 2 50 10 00 520 53 69 56	Mrs. A. Halter. Mrs. C. E. Brainard. Mrs. J. M. Rider.
For State and other purposes PRESBYTERY OF WATERLOO. Mrs. C. B. Morgan, Laporte City, Pres. Cor. Sec. and Treas.; Mrs. Alma Graves, Ackley, Pres. Rec. Sec				41 90	
Ackley S. S. Mission Band Albion. S. S. Mission Band Cedar Falls S. S. Mission Band Cedar Valley (Washburn P. O.)		1 2	10 14 5	20 00 27 00 7 10 15 35 10 00 10 00	Mrs. George Earhart. John Rath. Miss Lottie Dean. Frank Swearingen. Mrs. L. W. Pierce. L. W. Pierce. Mrs. Helen R. Dane.
Conrad (Conrad Grove P. O.) Dysart	10 17 9 14 	1 7	 8	5 00 22 45 9 00 21 55 13 00	Mrs. J. W. Adrian. Mrs. E. Pearson. Mrs. J. M. Boyd. Mrs. C. G. Rogers. Miss Gertie Moffit. Mrs. F. A. Rowen. Miss Emma Rand.
LaPorte Marshalltown S. S. Mission Band Morrison Nevada. Salem (Crystal P. O.). State Centre	23 19 13 12 23 8	$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ \end{array}$	11	8 00 13 00 25 10 50 90	Mrs. Henry Waldroff. Mrs. E. D. Yule. Mrs. E. D. Yule. Mrs. C. A. Godden. Mrs. John R. Hays. Miss Abbie J. McClain Mrs. Whitehill.
Young Ladies Toledo. Tranquillity (Traer P. O.). Unity (Grundy Centre P. O.). Waterloo. Whitten	25 16 12 	3 4 	8	35 00 29 00 26 20 3 47	Miss Ella Fitch. Mrs. J. Q. Clark. Mrs. Gilbert McDowell Miss Maria E. King.
Total	275	34	71	565 55	

MICHIGAN.

MRS. A. F. BRUSKE, Saginaw City, Synodical President. MRS. C. G. BROWNELL, Seitz Block, Detroit, Synodical Secretary.

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PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT. Miss H. Cutcheon, Ypsilanti, Pres. Pres't; Miss C. S. Weed, Ypsilanti, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. B. F. Edwards, Ypsilanti, Pres. Treasurer. Decennial Pres. Thank Offering Detroit, 1st Church "A Friend" Richardson Band Girls' S. S. Miss. Society. Fort Street Church Mrs. Chandler, support two Missionaries Mrs. Hoffman School in India.	120	1 20		413 17 30 00	Mrs. H. M. Wright. Miss N. A. McMillan. Miss Minnie L. Candler. Mrs. C. G. Brownell.
Ladies Miss. Society Rhea Mission Band Sabbath School Jefferson Avenue Church Westminster Church Young Ladies	80 18			100 00 210 00 455 61 165 00	Miss Lulu Webster. Miss Belle Muir. Mrs. I. L. Lyon.
formation Guild Cheerful Givers Central Church S. S Memorial Church Cheerful Laborers	140 50 62 115 16	10	16	15 60 40 00 47 39 35 00 15 00 10 00 97 44 6 00 126 77	Mrs. S. W. Hunt. Miss Caroline L. Gelston
Sabbath SchoolBirmingham				16 94	Mrs. M. E. Hemenway.

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Birmingham, Brownell Band Ready Helpers Brighton Dearborn East Nankin (Inkster P. O.) Franklin, Wing Lake, Church Holly Howell Young Ladies Mission Band Milford Sunbeams Jennie Dean's Girls Will Whipple Boys Sabbath School Mt. Clemens Sabbath School Northville Pontiac Saline Southfield South Lyon Stony Creek Sabbath School Wyandotte Ypsilanti Young Ladies Gleaners India Workers	33 12 20 12 10 43 19 38 43 22 215 19 60 24 67 7 	277 14 33 34	1 500 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	18 00 12 20 15 00 80 00 6 51 114 30 30 35 4 00 128 75 52 75 15 00 18 80 80 00 49 35 60 00 	Mrs. Geo. W. Durkee. Mrs. W. H. Jones. Mrs. Geo. L. Clark. Miss Mary H. Clark. Miss Ella Burt. Mrs. Robert Johnston. Miss May Mowry. Miss May Tower. Will. A. Crawford. Miss Allie Bennett. Miss Mary E. Forster. Edward Culver. Mrs. E. K. Simonds. Mrs. B. J. Lounsbury. Mrs. E. L. Nichoson. Mrs. W. S. Jeffrey. Miss Elvira Blackwood. Miss Anna Gardner. Mrs. P. Lacy. Mrs. E. P. Goodrich. Miss M. B. Morford. Miss Eunie M. Lambie. Frank Bassett.
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RAPIDS. Mrs. Augustus Marsh, Mackinaw City, Pres. Pres't; Miss E. L. Cahoon, 193 Front St., Grand Rapids, Pres. Sec'y.; Mrs. J. A. Upton, Big Rapids, Pres. Treas. Cadillac. Evart. Grand Haven S. S. Band. Grand Rapids 1st Church. Girls Mission Band.	25 50	···i	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10 00 150 00 50 00 30 00	Mrs. N. L. Kelly. Mrs. A. H. Brandon. Miss E. O. Griffin. Miss Nellie White. Miss E. L. Cahoon. Miss Jennie Emery.

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Grand Rapids, 1st Church S. S. Westminister Church	40 20 12 13			20 00 1 60 10 00	Mrs. A. T. Page. Mrs. Charles Hitchcock. Mrs. James Fox. Miss B. Pierce.
Total				855 99)
PRESBYTERY OF KALAMAZOO. Mrs. E. S. Moore, Three Rivers, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. A. Ranney, 812 Park St., Kalamazoo, Pres. Sec'y and Treas. Allegan. Buchanan. Burr Oak. Constantine. Cheerful Givers. Cassopolis. Decatur. Young People's Miss. Band. Kalamazoo 1st Church North Church. Female Seminary Martin. Niles. Paw Paw Plainwell Richland. Sturgis. Schoolcraft Three Rivers. White Pigeon. White Wings. Total. PRESBYTERY OF LANSING. Mrs. S. H. Preston, Lansing,	25 24 14 25 14 11 30 45 90 12 55 32 20 20 8 17 11	1 1 1 1 2 1 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	15 13 13 	51 00 11 33 75 91 12 55 25 55 43 00 40 00 5 55 84 33 17 00 100 00 75 00 33 66 23 00 1 00 83 8 30 0 8 5	Mrs. M. S. Todd. Mrs. John Putnam. Miss Lena Bonebright. Mrs. H. Glover. Mrs. S. R. Slocum. Mrs. G. B. Browning. Mrs. Geo. Trask. Mrs. A. M. How. Miss Frances Cameron Mrs. F. D. McVean. Mrs. Harvey Moore. Mrs. E. J. Harwick. Miss Ella Jackson. Mrs. R. P. Shaw. Mrs. R. P. Shaw. Mrs. P. H. Colvers. Mrs. H. A. Watson.
Pres. Pres't; Mrs. H. C. Adams, 305 Franklin Street, Lansing, Pres. Sec.; Miss M. O'Donoughue, Albion, Pres. Treasurer. Albion	20	1		12 0	Miss Orah Shipman.

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Battle Creek Brooklyn. Diamondale Willing Workers. Homer Band. Young Ladies Hastings. Lansing, 1st Church Sabbath School Franklin Street Church Sabbath School Coral Circle Coral Band. Marshall Cheerful Workers. S. S. Class Parma Tekonsha Shining Lights, just org'zd Delhi Masson. Mission Circle Cheerful Givers. Total	13 15 	6 5 1 2 1 4	12 11 1 8	20 00 7 45 7 00 28 00 30 00 47 38 22 44 22 00 15 00 62 15 7 43 1 50 6 00 17 19 22 85 7 25 13 22 10 00	Mrs. H. C. Adams. Mr. F. W. Moore. Miss Maggie Waller. Miss Mabel Sears. Mrs. S. V. R. Lepper. Mrs. Sarah Hall. Mrs. Cook. Mrs. C. Allen. Mrs. G. L. Howe. Mrs. L. E. Baker. Mrs. Mary B. Kettridge. Miss Hattie Bristol. Miss Mamie Sachrider.
PRESBYTERY OF MONROE. Mrs. W. S. Allen, Hillsdale, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. H. R. Austin, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. J. P. Hogarth, Monroe, Pres.	••••	•••	•••	428 86	
Treas. Adrian Y. L. M. S. S. S. M. S. California. Clayton. Coldwater Y. L. M. S. Sabbath School. Boys' Band. Erie Hillsdale'.	60 40 12 63 28 28 20 50	1 4	6 	50 00 8 00 8 00 10 00 25 00 15 00	Miss Fannie Linnelle. Mrs. Helen N. Ellis. Miss Lydia E. Bird. Mrs. H. E. Marshall. Mrs. R. E. Clarke.

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Hillsdale, Y. L. M. S	10			\$25 00	Miss Carrie G. Mott.
Willing Workers				6 5	
Jonesville	40			14 80	
La Salle					Mrs. Chas. Hall.
Manchester				l·:::·:	Miss Susan M. Marion
Monroe	45	4	4		
Y. L. M. S	36		١	40 00	Miss S. Belle Noble.
Little Busy Bees, just org'zd.					M D D Zi-l-
Petersburg					Mrs. R. R. Kirby.
Quincy	22		<u>.</u>		Mrs. D. Lazeleer.
Sabbath School	10	· · ·	١	11 4	
Reading	1				Mrs. H. C. Strong. Hattie Mallery.
Abbbie McKee Band	25		· • •	13 00	
Raisin Church, (Holloway)			01		
TecumsehY. L. M. S	28	11	21	35 00	
Sabbath School Society	20	U	• • •	20 00	
The Wide-awake M. B., just	• • • •			20 00	1
organized					Mrs. A. D. Lawrence.
organized	• • • •		• • • •		
Total				750 09	
PRESBYTERY OF SAGINAW.		į			
Mrs. E. P. Clark, Vassar, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. W. S. Greene, Saginaw City, Pres. Cor. Sec.;					
Mrs. J. F. Romer, Bay City, Pres. Treas.					1
Lapeer	22	7	12	72 M	Mrs. Fred. D. Johnson
East Saginaw	23				Miss E. Van Fleck.
Mt. Pleasant	14		5		Mrs. W. Doughty.
Busy Bees, organized March 1				10 00	Miss Edna Boulton.
Caro	11	5		15 00	
Midland	22				Mrs. M. E. Burtless.
Port Austin	12			17 00	
Busy Bees and Cheerful		*		0\	
Workers	1		1	20 50	Miss Katie Kerr.
West Bay City	50	7			Mrs. H. A. Hawgood.
Young Ladies			3		Miss Edith Smart.
Bay City	68	13			Mrs. M. Dunham.
Wight Mission Band	23				Miss Georgia Furman.
St. Louis	12				
Saginaw City					Mrs. W. S. Greene.
Young Ladies				50 00	Miss Carrie Johnson.
Golden Rule Mission Band				10 00	Miss Bertha Trask.
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Corunna. Vassar. Flint. Morrice. Cass City Sabbath School. Total.	10 35 100 20	 4	 2	50 00 110 00	Mrs. W. Morrice.

MINNESOTA.

MRS. C. O. VAN CLEVE, 603 Fifth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Synodical President.
MRS. J. R. HALL, 2829 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Synodical Secretary.

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Presbytery of Aberdeen, Dakota. Aberdeen Presbytery of Central				16 (00	Mrs. F. H. Hagerty.
DAKOTA.			l			
Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Huron, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. R. B. Fairar, Volga, Pres. Sec. Muron				5 C 2 C)0)0	Mrs. N. B. Peterson. Mrs. E. A. Gardner. Mrs. C. G. Albertson. Miss Anna Pilcher.
Presbytery of Pembina, Dakota.						
Mrs. D. Williams, Bathgate, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. A. Brown, Arvilla, Pres. Sec.						
Bathgate		4	1 	7 3		Mrs. M. G. Fossum.
Arvilla, Mekinock Church Mekinock Gardeners	18 17	7	7	22 7 30 0		Mrs. Emma Carothers. Haddington Brown.
Grand Forks	l					Mrs. Geo. B. Winship.
Grafton Busy Gleaners, just organized			ļ			Miss Lizzie Weagant.
Presbytery of Southern Dakota.			!			
Parker			 	5 4	5	Mrs. Annie B. Wiltsie.

Scotland	Name of Society and Bands.	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	Child. W'k Taken	Amount Contrib- uted.	Name of Secretary.
Pacific Mrs. L. L. Newell, Fargo, Dak., Pres. Pres't and Acting Sec.; Mrs. Wm. M. Lloyd, Jamestown, Dak., Pres. Treas. 12	Mission Band					Harry Wright.
Town, Dak., Pres. Treas. 12 4 12 00 Mrs. S. H. Nichols.	PACIFIC. Mrs. L. L. Newell, Fargo, Dak., Pres. Pres't and Acting Sec.;					
Van Cleve Mission Band	town Dale Deer There	12 15	 16	6	12 00	Mrs. S. H. Nichols. Mrs. George Stouffer. Miss Alice Stouffer. Mrs. R. D. DePuy.
Total	Van Cleve Mission Band			20		James Mulette.
Mrs. J. C. Donahower, St. Peters, Pres. Sec. and Treas. 38 7 2 84 00 Mrs. R. H. Rose. Young Ladies' Society, no report. 12 8 12 45 Mrs. W. G. Hanscome. St. Peter. 12 8 12 50 Kate A. Donahower. Young Ladies. 5 5 60 Mrs. A. C. Chase. Wells. 21 600 Miss H. L. Park. Juvenile Band 12 Lizzie McCleland. Le Sueur. 19 6 2 50 00 Mrs. M. J. Welsh. Winnebago City. 14 1 15 20 Mrs. M. J. Welsh. Young Ladies 8 1 6 25 Mrs. M. J. Welsh. Young Ladies 8 2 3 6 25 Mrs. Cooley. Blue Earth City 12 5 20 7 50 Mrs. Cooley. Blue Earth City S. S. Band, no Mrs. J. Radcliffe.	"The King's Children" Band Sunday School	40 	• • •	12 ···	25 00)
report. 12 8 12 45 Mrs. W. G. Hanscome. Young Ladies. 7 12 50 Kate A. Donahower. Busy Bees. 5 5 00 Mrs. A. C. Chase. Wells. 21 6 00 Miss H. L. Park. Juvenile Band 12 Lizzie McCleland. Le Sueur. 19 6 2 50 00 Miss Hattie K. Snow. Winnebago City. 14 4 1 15 20 Mrs. M. J. Welsh. Young Ladies. 8 1 6 15 Miss Della Wright. Madelia. 8 2 3 6 25 Mrs. Cooley. Blue Earth City 12 5 20 7 50 Mrs. S. D. Payne. Amboy Mrs. J. B. Radcliffe.	Mrs. J. C. Donahower, St. Peters, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Mankato	38	7	2	84 00	Mrs. R. H. Rose.
Juvenile Band	report. St. Peter. Young Ladies. Busy Bees.	7 5 21			12 50 5 00 6 00	Kate A. Donahower. Mrs. A. C. Chase. Miss H. L. Park.
Amboy	Le Sueur Winnebago City Young Ladies	19	- 1		•	Lizzie McCleland. Miss Hattie K. Snow. Mrs. M. J. Welsh. Miss Della Wright. Mrs. Cooley.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Blue Earth City	12 8	5			Mrs. Carpenter, Prest. Mrs. S. D. Payne. Mrs. J. B. Radcliffe.

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Worthington	10 170			2	10 05 50	Mrs. Dr. J. Croft. Miss Florence K. Moore.
PRESBYTERY OF RED RIVER. Moorhead Mission Band Fergus Falls	15 24 22		13 	40 12 6 2	00	Ida Irwin & M. Cochran.
PRESBYTERY OF ST. PAUL. Mrs. C. E. Vanderburgh, Minneapolis, Pres. Pres't; Miss Mary Lynch, 1811 Sixth Ave., S., Minneapolis, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. B. Donaldson, Hastings, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. R. P.						
Lewis, St. Paul, Pres. Treas. Duluth	23 10 30 31 53	7 19	1 27 18	25 100	98 00 00 67 40	Miss Anna Taylor. Miss M. S. Ogden. Mrs. E. S. Lee.
Young Ladies. Minneapolis, Westminister Ch Young Ladies. Gleaners. Pearl Gattherers.	13 70 46 25	40		45 280 75 28	00 00 00 04 00	Miss Carol N. Dean. Mrs. L. P. Plummer. Miss Belle Goodnow. Miss Margie Godley.
Bethlehem Church	9 30 13 20	3	17 .1	9 10 50	1	Mrs. C. W. Lanman. Miss Anna Gick. Mrs. D. E. Wells. Miss Annie Bonfey.
Andrew Church S. S. Miss. Band. Bloomington Ave. Cnurch First Church Merry Gleaners	20 100 25 32 21		5	123 47 5 136 50	09 00 76	Miss Lillie C. Porter. Miss Maggie White. Mrs. J. C. Hall. Miss Abbie Fawcett,
Red Wing St. Cloud S. S. Miss. Band Litchfield Mission Band	60 13 15 16	3	12 1	45 25 14	00	Mrs. M. E. Ketcham. Miss Fannie Henderson. Mrs. J. S. Sherrill.
Taylor's Falls	25 20 8 60	3 5		38 28 25 25	45 70 00 00	Miss Mary H. Owens. Mrs. J. B. Donaldson. Miss Rebecca Allison. Miss Leigle Allison.
S. S. Miss. Band	• • • •	•••	• • •	8	15	Miss Bertha Isenberg.

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Pine City Stillwater	7		8	\$ 7 00 28 40	Mrs. Mary C. Brackett Mrs. W. S. Goodhue.
Total	805	134	180	1632 52	
PRESBYTERY OF WINONA. Mrs. Wilson Holt, Owatonna, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. J. Ward, Kasson, Pres. Sec. and Treas. Winona	15 	6		25 00	Miss E. A. Knight.
Kasson. Owatonna Nan Intah Mis. Band Albert Lea. Mission Band Leroy.	28 35 40 75 24	2		7 50 22 10 25 00 50 00 33 00 20 85	Mrs. J. J. Ward. Mrs. Wilson Holt. Miss May Holt. Miss Nara Abbott. Miss Carena Abbott. Mrs. E. N. Raymond.
Wycoff. Chester. Clairmont.	24 34			10 00	Mrs. Mary Livingston. Mrs. Grace McMartin.

NEBRASKA.

MRS. M. K. ROBINSON, St. Paul, Synodical President.
MRS. LUTHER HOADLEY, Brownville, Synodical Corresponding Secretary.
MRS. A. HARDY, Beatrice, Synodical Recording Secretary.

No report except of money-sent in. Secretaries are from last year's record.

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Edgar, Pres. Treas.			12 30	Mrs. S. T. Pomeroy.
Cheerful Givers			8 00	Miss Kittie Kenier. Mrs. L. A. Remer.
Mission Band Beaver City, Bushnell Band Mrs. Bushnell,Thank Offering	l l		16 00	Miss Belle Clark. Mrs. H. K. Bushnell.
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Nelson. Hanson. Ayr. Aurora Sabbath School Culbertson, Cora and Ernest McCandlish.				\$ 4 00 6 00 3 00 3 50	
Presbytery of Kearney. Mrs. G. T. Crissman, Kearney, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. T. R. Wal- lace, St. Paul, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. R. Kernohan, Grand Island, Pres. Treas. Kearney. Korth Platte. Grand Island. St. Paul.	38 11			9 25 5 50	Mrs. E. A. Seymour. Miss M. S. Honn. Mrs. L. M. Bohue. Mrs. T. M. Wallace.
S. S. Mission Band PRESBYTERY OF NEBRASKA CITY. Mrs. A. F. Randolph, Fairbury, Pres. Pres't; Miss L. W. Irwin, Lincoln, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Thos. Pollock, Plattsmouth,				6 00	
Pres. Treas. York S. S. Band Salem S. S. Band. Blue Springs Alexandria Pawnee City Little Workers.	13 10 20 21		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	9 00	Miss Jennie Pryse. Mrs. L. V. Brouillette. Mrs. N. Chestnut.
Seward Auburn Tecumseh Band Beatrice Nebraska City Humboldt Brownville Band	16 18 17 21 10 18 19	3 2 10 14		9 00 10 00 36 25 22 80 15 00	Mrs. H. A. Bemis. Miss Emma I. Morgan. Mrs. L. W. McCroskey. Miss Mary McCutcheon. Mrs. A. Hardy. Mrs. A. S. Cole. Mrs. W. W. Turk. Mrs. M. H. McCreary.
Fairbury	7 10			6 25	Mrs. L. H. Price. Miss Mary Watson.

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Wahoo Marietta Church Lincoln S. S. Band Falls City. Plattsmouth Little Dewdrops.	16 29 160 		6	61 20	
PRESBYTERY OF OMAHA. Mrs. J. P. Riale, Papillion, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. P. L. Per- rine, Omaha, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. C. Denise, Omaha, Pres. Treasurer.				•	
BellevueOakdale	11 10		1 5		Mrs. A. N. Thompson. Mrs. Sarah Andermon. Miss S. E. Taylor.
Omaha, 2d Church	31 16	· 8		109 25 30 00 36 29	Miss Hettie Collier. Miss Mary Millard.
Mission Helpers Workers for Heathen Women Papillion	20		26	4 52 5 00	Miss Mittie Riale.
Ponca	16 6 18		16		Mrs. N. M. Conner. Miss Anna L. Clark. Miss Anna L. Clark.
Hopedale Cheerful Workers Schuyler Tekamah	28 19		• • •	11 65	
Columbus			• • •	8 00 2 50	Miss Tillie Stenyer. Mrs. S. E. Martin.

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PRESBYTERY OF LIMA. Mrs. E. P. Holmes, Lima, Pres. Pres't; Miss Jennie Murray, Sidney, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. P.						
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Total	320		-	888	 -	
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report. South Toledo Defiance. Willing Hearts Band. Tontogony. Hicksville. Bowling Green. Willing Workers. West Unity Little Workers. Madison Church Bryan. West Bethesda. Perrysburg, 1st Church. Mission Gleaners. Walnut Street Church. Faithful Workers. Weston Pleasant Ridge. Farmers Center, Lost Creek Ch Grand Rapids Mary Workman Band Spring Lake, Eagle Creek Ch. Delta. Pemberville, Edna Cole Band Napoleon.	15 29 13 24 26 7 19 18	6 6 1 1 2 2 1 2 1	2	94 21 10 25 33 16 4 8 101 37 14 15 15 21 9 40 18 4 18 5	16 00 96 00 00 50 15 00 65 00 65 00 00 00 65	Mrs. S. E. Gunn. Mrs. F. G. Brown. Miss F. Richardson. Mrs. W. D. Herrick. Mrs. Ella Higgins. Mrs. J. O. Troup. Miss Minnie W. Cooly. Miss Mary Harmer. Miss Hattie T. Hughes. Mrs. S. C. Kelly. Miss Jennie Canan. Mrs. A. Cook. Miss Mary Seibert. Mrs. N. L. Hanson. Miss A. M. Trowbridge Mrs. W. D. Mudge. Mrs. R. Tyler. Miss Kate Hosack. Mrs. G. P. Hinsdale. Miss Mamie Steva. Mrs. Isabel Smith. Mrs. Charles Cullen. Miss Jessie Hoiles. Mrs. Martin Knapp.
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PRESBYTERY OF LAKE SUPERIOR Mrs. H. W. Bill, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Pres't; Mrs. F. A. W. Moreau, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Sec. & Treas. Menominee, Mich. Young Ladies' Society. S. School Band. Marinette, Wis. Marquette, Mich. Lake Superior Band. Boy's Band. Escanaba, Mich., recently organized. Negaunee, Mich. Ford River, Mich. Florence, Wis. Mission Band. S. School Band	31 30 46 59 12 52 15 20	18 6 2 2 1	5	48 08 13 45 63 00 31 34 201 48 43 05 6 25 33 00 9 00 19 00 8 00	Mrs. F. A. W. Moreau. Miss Frances Brooks. Mrs. F. A. W. Moreau. Mrs. G. L. Ridsdale. Mrs. Frank Milligan. Miss Rosabel Robinson. Mrs. Stafford. Miss Celia Algen. Mrs. H. E. Richardson. Mrs. Jane Hulse: Mrs. W. A. Whittlesey.

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Oconto, Wis S. School Iron River, Mich., just orgz'd. Ishpeming, Mich Home Missions, Cash Boxes. PRESBYTERY OF MILWAUKEE. Miss Fannie Ells, Waukesha,	32	11	₉	28 10	Mrs. A. F. Ashley.
Pres. Pres't; Mrs. E. C. White, Waukesha, Pres. Sec.; Miss Grace T. Dey, Waukesha, Pres. Treas Beloit	21 15 18 39 61 50 30 18 298 92	1 2 38	111	40 21 	Miss Lily Holverson. Mrs. Edward Ruger. Miss N. M. Dougherty. Mrs. Mary A. Godfrey. Miss Mary Alexander. Miss Hattie E. Bacon. Miss Gussie A. Stewart. Mrs. J. Whittaker. Mrs. A. H. Vedder. Miss Fannie Cleaver. Miss Mary W. Candee. Miss Susie Ray. Miss Helen C. Wheeler. Grant Fitch. Miss Flora Williams. Miss Sophie Corwin.
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RIVER. Mrs. D. H. Tullis, Madison, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. L. C. Mears, Madison, Pres. Treas. Cambria. Baraboo Belleville Beaver Dam Kilbourn Lowville Lodi Madison Sabbath School Mary Campbell Band. Loving Workers Mineral Point Oregon, no report. Portage Prairie du Sac Cheerful Workers Band Poynette Reedsburg	288 200 77 17 14 35 15 15 18 9 13 4	10 7	6 3 25	10 000 5 000 29 000 10 000 28 30 12 50 10 000 7 00 10 00 15 00 11 00 76 30 4 00	Mrs. F. Fitts. Mrs. Ella Smith. Mrs. D. C. Johnson. Mrs. S. J. Andrews. Mrs. D. H. Tullis. Miss Julia Rudd. Miss Florence Baker. Miss Sarah Bassett. Mrs. H. B. Richards. Miss Kate Kennedey. Miss Jennie Baker. Miss Alice Conger. Mrs. L. E. Russell. Mrs. A. L. Harris. Miss S. A. Miles.

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Mrs. Robert Mateer. Weh Hien, China. 1882 Mrs. J. Newton Hayes. Tungchow, China. 1883 Mrs. Paul Bergen. Chenanfoo, China. Canton, Canton. C			Chefoo, China
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1882 Mrs. Paul Bergen Chenanfoo, China.			
1882 Mrs. A. A. Fulton			Chenanfoo, China
1878	1882	Mrs. A. A. Fulton	Canton, China
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Monroe Pres. Soc. and Kalamazoo, Mich	\$40 0	Marshall, Mich.
W. M. S., Ft. Wayne, Indiana	400	New Castle, England.
Auxiliaries in Minnesota	400	Rochester, N. Y.
W. M. S., First Ch., Springfield, Ill	350	Oxford, Ohio.
Springfield Presbyterial Society, Ill	400	Lawrenceville, Pa.
W. M. S., Fourth Ch., Chicago, Ill	500	Washington, Iowa.
Lima Pres. Soc., Ohio	400	Ohio.
W. M. S., Westminster Ch., Minneapolis	400	Minneapolis, Minn.
Lansing and Saginaw Pres. Soc's, Mich	400	Michigan.
Rock River Presbyterial Society, Ill	400	Aledo, Ill.
Fifth and Eighth Ch's, Chicago, Ill	400	Chicago, Ill.
W. M. S., Galesburg, Ill	400	Galesburg, Ill.
Y. L. S., First Ch., Chicago, Ill	600	Chicago, Ill.
Culbertson Memorial Fund, Indiana	600	Oxford, Ohio.
Whitewater Pres. Soc., Indiana	600	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
W. M. S., Fourth Ch., Chicago, Ills	450	Cairo, Iowa,
Auxiliaries in Indiana	500	Flora, Ill.
W. M. S., Third Church, Chicago, Ill	400	India.
Union Miss. Societies, Detroit, Mich	400	Boltonville, Vt.
Indianapolis Pres. Society, Indiana	400	Quincy, Ill.
W. M. S., New Albany, Ind.	400	India.
W. M. S., Fort St. Ch., Det., & Mon. P. S.	500	Hillsdale, Mich.
Auxiliaries in Iowa	500	Waterloo, Iowa.
Chicago Prochyterial Society Ill	500	
Chicago Presbyterial Society, Ill Sixth and Jeff. Park Ch's, Chicago, Ill	500	Chicago, Ill.
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Crawfordsville Pres. Society, Ind	400	
	400	Albion, Iowa. Baxter Springs, Kas.
W. M. S., Second Church, Indianapolis.	300	
General Fund	400	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Munaia Prog. Society Ind	300	Indianapolis, Ind. Indiana.
Muncie Pres. Society, Ind	360	
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Syn. Soc. of NebraskaY. L. S. Fort St. Ch., Detroit, Michigan	400	Delphi, Ind. Crawfordsville, Ind.
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Mattoon Pres. Soc., Ill	450	Neoga, III.
Bellefontaine Pres. Soc., Ohio		Oxford, Ohio.
W. M. S., Third Church, Chicago, Ill	950	Southport, Ind.
Detroit Pres. Society, Michigan	350	McKeesport, Pa.
New Albany Pres. Society, Indiana	450	Fulton, Kansas.
W. M. S., Hyde Park, Ill	350	Chicago, Ill.
Alton and Cairo Pres. Societies, Ill	300	Williamstown, Mass.
General Fund	300	Die Glesse Bereit
General Fund	350	Rio Claro, Brazil.
Madame W. H. Ferry. Lake Forest, Ill.		Jacksonville. Ill.
Synodical Society of Minnesota	300	Monticello, Minn.
Mrs. Z. Chandler, Detroit, Michigan	350	Detroit, Mich.
Des Moines Pres. Society, Iowa	500	Davenport, Iowa.
W. M. S., Evanston, Ill.	500	Chicago. Ill.
Maumee Pres. Society, Ohio	250	Muscatine, lowa.
Synodical Pres. Society of Wisconsin	250	Somers, Wis.
Huron Pres. Society, Ohio	200	Creek Nation, I. T.
Synodical Society of Minnesota	200	Mitchell, Dakota.
Synodical Society of Iowa	450	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
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7	Willing \	Worker	s, An	n Arbor, Mich.	
7	W. M. S.	, Carlii	iville,	, Ill.	
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GIFTS FOR MEXICO CITY SCHOOL BUILDING.

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Detroit, Mich., Westminster, Ladies Union
Independence, Iowa, C. M. Society
Kansas, Ill
Lansing, Iowa
Minonk, Ill
Pawnee City, Neb
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LOCATION. SUPPORTED BY
School at Pirassanungo, \$390 First Church, Joliet, Ill. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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BOARDING SCHOOL AT RIO CLARO, SCHOLARSHIPS—COST, EACH. \$60.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
1Golden Rule Mission Band, Saginaw, Mich.
2 W. M. S., 1st Church, Lansing, Mich.
8Young People's Mission Band, Lake Forest, Ill.
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5Busy Bees, St. Mary's, Ohio.
6Little Leaven Mission Band, Monmouth, Ill.
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18Sabbath School, Jacksonville, Ill.
14Y. L. Soc., 6th Church, Chicago, Ill. (partially.)
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16 Sabbath School, Jefferson Park Ch., Chicago, Ill.
17 Madame W. H. Ferry, Lake Forest, Ill.
18 Fullerton Avenue Church, Chicago.
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20S. S. 2d Ch., Madison, Ind., and Reunion Ch., Chic.

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22.	Lincoln and Plattsmouth, Neb.
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24.	Arlington Heights, Ill.
25.	Kirkwood, Ill. and Y. L. S., Monroe, Mich.
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27.	Y. L. S., Westminster Ch., Minneapolis, Minn.
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	AFRICA.
	GABOON, BARAKA, SCHOLARSHIPS—COST, EACH, \$25.
	GIRLS.
NO	SUPPORTED BY
25	SW. M. S., Charleston, Ill.
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	Coral Band, N. Lansing, Mich.
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	1Sabbath School, 1st Ch., Detroit.
32	2Sabbath School, Central Ch., Detroit.
	A. V.W. Scholar- ship
	ScholarshipSabbath School, Kendallville, Ind.
	BOYS.
34	4Mrs. Purington's S. S. Class, 2d Church, Chicago.
	5Sabbath School Class, Milwaukee, Wis.
3	6 "The Messengers," Walnut St. Ch., Evansv'le, Ind
	7 W. M. S. Lafayette, Ind.
3	8 Sab. School and Vol. Mis. Band, Hastings, Minn.
3	9Sabbath School, Wyoming, Iowa.
	0Benita Band, Fond du Lac, Wis.
	1Sabbath School, Adrian, Mich.
4	2 Sabbath School, Adrian, Mich.

45..... Boy's Mission Band, Westminster Ch., Chicago.

BENITA SCHOLARSHIPS—EACH, \$20.

NO. SUPPORTED BY
1
2Y. L. S., St. Peter, Minn.
3 Sabbath School, 1st Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
4Mrs. J. M. Painter, Scioto, Ill.
5W. M. S., Pingree Grove, Ill.
6Sabbath School, Knoxville, Ill.
7W. M. S., Longmont, Neb.
8S. S. Andrew Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
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10
Bible ReaderW. M. S., Marion, Iowa.
PastorWestminster Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
KANGWE, OGOVE RIVER, SCHOLARSHIPS—COST, EACH, \$14.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
7Y. L. S., Howell, Mich.
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9Lady in Ishpeming, Mich.
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12 W. M. S., Wallut Hill, III.
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Chicago, Ill., Fullerton Ave., W. M. S
Greensburgh, Ind., Y. P. S
Huron, Dak
Lima, Ind., S. S.
Oconto, Wis., Infant Class
Sterling, Ill
Table Rock, Colo
r
LIBERIA.
Mrs. Rachel A. Wardsworth, Clay Ashland, Native Teacher, \$200.
W. M. S., Buckley, Ill
W. M. S., Mankato, Minn
W. M. S., Povnette, Wis.

Mrs. M. B. Jones, Brewerville, Native Teacher, \$200. Y. P. B., Nokomis, Ill
Y. P. B., Hillsboro, Ill
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S. S. South Bend, Ind.
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NAME. SUPPORTED BY
School under Miss Noyes, Canton, \$110S. S. 4th Church, Chicago. School under Miss Noyes, Canton, 100S. S. Central Ch., Denver, Col.
Room rent, \$16.80
Bible Woman, \$36.00Peoria, Ill.
Pupil, in Miss Noyes' school, CantonY. L. M. Band, Freeport, Ill
SCHOLARSHIPS IN TRAINING SCHOOL, CANTON—COST, \$15.
NO. SUPPORTED BY 1
2W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
3W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
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6W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
7W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
8Y. L. M. Society, Boulder, Col.
9Busy Bees, Grace Church, Evansville, Ind.
10Shining Lights, Gibson City Ill.
11Ishpeming, Michigan.
12Bible Class, Howe St. Mission, Chicago.
Boy in Rev. D. C. McCoy's school, in Peking, Fullerton Avenue Church, Chicago, \$30.
SCHOLARSHIPS IN NINGPO—COST, EACH, \$25.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
17Muncie, Ind.
18Hanover, Ind.
19 Busy Bees, Westminster Church, Toledo, Ohio.
20Richardson Mission Band, Detroit, Mich.
21 Sabbath School 2d Church, Peoria, Ill.
22Neenah, Wis.
23Malcom, Iowa.
24
25 W. M. S., Red Oak, Iowa
26 W. M. S., Huron, Ohio.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MRS. FARNHAM'S SCHOOL, SHANGHAI—COST, EACH, \$25.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
13Mrs. Mendsen, Chicago, Ill.
14Y. L. M. Soc., Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.
15W. M. S., Granville, Ohio.
16
17 Westminster Band, Detroit.
18Goshen, Ind.
19 Sabbath School, 6th Church, Chicago.
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21Y. P. Society, Decatur, Mich.
22Centre Church S. S., Crawfordsville, Ind.
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26Y. P. Society, Jacksonville, Ill.
27Sabbath School, Alton, Ill.
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SOOCHOW—COST, \$100.
NAME. SUPPORTED BY
Mrs. Fitch's Day SchoolMission Bands, Denver, Col.
SCHOLARSHIPS IN CHEFOO—COST, EACH, \$40.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
1W. M. S., Kossuth, Iowa.
2Mrs. C. C. Peck, Chicago.
3Downing Band, Rochester, Minn.
4Sabbath School, 2d Church, Chicago.
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6Primary Class, S. S. 2d Church, New Albany, Ind.
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8Y. L. Society, 2d Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
9 Band, "King's Children," Fargo, Dakota.
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JAPAN.
PUPILS IN TOKIO—EACH \$60.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
1Grand Haven, Mich.
2Omaha, Neb.
3Chil. B'd, Imm'l Ch., Milwaukee.

NO. SUPPORTED BY 4. Prairie City, Ill. 5. Rhea Band, Detroit. 6. Young People's Soc., Lima, Ohio. 7. Band 1st Church, Indianapolis. 8. West Unity, Ohio. Bible woman, cost \$60. Mrs. A. L. Gould, Ridgeville, Ill.
GIFTS FOR OSAKA BUILDING.
Bryan, O. Cedar Rapids, O., 2nd S. S. Central City, Kan., Infant Class. Chester, Ill., Helm Band. Fort Wayne, Ind., 2nd. Greensburg, Ind., S. S. Litchfield, Minn. Litchfield, Minn., Band. Marquette, Mich., S. S. Band. Minneapolis, Minn., 1st, Merry Gleaners. Rock Island, Ill., Central Church S. S. St. Paul, Minn., Central Church Y. L. S. St. Paul, Minn., House of Hope Church Y. L. S. St. Paul, Minn., Ford Street S. S. Springfield, Ill., 2nd Church Y. L. S. Waltham, Ill.
SIAM.
BANGKOK TEACHER—COST, \$100.
TeacherS. S. Fort St. Church, Detroit.
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SCHOLARSHIPS—COST, EACH, \$30. NO. SUPPORTED BY 1. Excelsior Mission Band, Troy, Ill. 2. Hyde Park, Ill. 3. Richardson Band, Detroit. 4. Infant Class, Fort St. Church, Detroit. 5. S. S. Teachers, Fort St. Church, Detroit. 6. Young People's Band, Knoxville, Ill. 7. S. S. American Church, Montreal, C.W. 8. Young Folks' Mis. Band, Pontiac, Mich. 9. Livingstone M. B., 1st Church, Toledo, O. 11. Mrs. C. B. Nelson and daughter, Hyde Park. 26. W. M. S., Rossville, Ill.
27 W. M. S. 1st Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

TEACHER UNDER TRAINING—COST, \$36.

Links and Strands......2nd Church, Lafayette, Ind.

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COST. SUPPORTED BY
Theological Student
Native Teacher
Colorado School 40S. S. Colorado Springs, Col.
Scholarship 20S. S., Pueblo, Col.
Market Street School 50Capitol Ave. Ch., Denver, Col.
No. 10 pupil
No. 13 pupil 30Y. L. S., 2nd Ch., Indianapolis.
LAOS—CHIENG MAI, GIRLS' SCHOOL—COST, \$25.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
1 Doolittle Band, Fostoria, Ohio.
2 Faith and W'ks B'd, House of Hope Ch., St. Paul.
3W. M. S. Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
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6Rural Gleaners, Green Valley, Illinois.
7Sabbath School, Second Church, Springfield, Ill.
8Pearl Gatherers, Second Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
9W. M. S., Creston, Nebraska.
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11W. M. S., Thorntown, Indiana.
12W. M. S., Bethel Church, Cottonwood Grove, Ill.
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16Grace Church, Evansville, Indiana.
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18Apple Blossoms, Jerseyville, Illinois.
19S. S. Broadway Church, Logansport, Indiana.
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White Pigeon, Mich.
21Willing Workers, Cherokee, Iowa.
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23Sabbath School, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
24Y. L. M. S., Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois.
25 Cheerful Workers, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.
26The Gleaners, Fairfield, Iowa.
27 W. M. S., Romney, Ind.

	NO. SUPPORTED BY
	28Girls' Band, 3rd Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	29 Morning Stars, Centralia, Ill.
	30 Mrs. Hudelson, Richmond, Ind.
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	32Y. L. S., Westminster Church, Rockford, Ill.
	33Ruth's Band, Broadway Ch., Rock Island, Ill.
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	35W. M. S., Virginia, Ill.
	36Y. L. S., Alton, Ill.
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	LAOS—CHIENG MAI, BOYS' SCHOOL—\$25.
	(As soon as opened.)
	NO. SUPPORTED BY
	1 Mrs. Perry H. Smith, Jr., Chicago, Illinois.
	2Y. P. Soc., Westminster Ch., Chicago, Ill.
	3 Willing Hearts Band, Defiance, Ohio.
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	5 Sunday School, Ipava, Ill.
	6S. S. Sparta, Ill.
	7 Pearl Seekers Band, Galesburg, Ill.
	8 Cheerful Workers, Silver Creek, Neb.
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	11Y. L. Soc., Madison, Wis.
	LAOS MISSION.
	Appleton, Wis
	Canton, Ill., Merry Workers
	Chicago, 5th Ch., E. M. M
•	Chicago, Jefferson Park S. S
	Evansville, Ind., 1st Ave. S. S
	Galena, Ill., Y. L. S
	Goshen, Ind
	J. M. B., Kansas
	Lewiston, Ill., Y. L. S. and Band
	Minneapolis, Minn., Westminster Pearl Gatherers
	Pemberville, O., Edna Cole Band
	Scranton, Pa., Mary Campbell Band
	Toledo, O., Westminster Ch., Y. L. S.
	Vandalia, Ill

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Battle Creek, Mich
Charlestown, Ind
Chicago, 4th Ch. S. S
Delhi Ch., Mich
Lansing, Mich., 1st
Lansing, Mich., 1st Band
Mishawaka, Ind
Newton, Ill
Oxford, O., W. F. Seminary
Rock Island, Ill., Central Church
Sparta, Ill., Boys' Band
Springfield, Ill., 3rd Band

INDIA.

BIBLE WOMEN.

NO.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1	\$50	Ionia, Mich.
2	50	Constantine, Mich.
3	50	8th Church, Chicago.
4	50	Alton, Ill.
5	50	Mrs. Wm. A. Brown, Chicago.
6	50	Springfield, Ill.
7	50	Stony Creek, Mich.
8	30	Columbus, Ind.
9		Alton, Ill. Carrollton, Ill.
10	50	Monroe, Mich.
11	50	Princeville, Ill.
12	50	Valparaiso, Ind.
13	50	8th Church, Chicago.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS AT RAWAL PINDI.

NO,	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1 School	.\$50	Y. L. Soc., 4th Church, Chicago.
1 Teacher	50	Canton, Ill.
2 School	50	Mis. Band, Columbus Grove, O.
2 Teacher	50	Y. L. Soc., 3d Church, Chicago.
3 School	. 50	_
3 Teacher	50	S. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
4 School	50	Band, Morrison, Ill.
4 Teacher	50	W. M. S., Kirkwood, Ill.
5 School	. 50	
5 Teacher	50	Band, Plymouth, Ind.

SCHOOLS AT AMBALA—COST, EACH, \$100.

SUPPORTED BY

1	•••••	Second Church, Terre Haute, Ind.
,2	•••••	Lewiston, Ill.
3		Peoria, Ill.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS, FUTTEHGURH—COST, EACH, \$40.

NAME.	SUPPORTED BY
Hoffman School	Mrs. Hoffman, Detroit, Mich.
Pierson School	Rhea Band, Detroit, Mich.
Harriet Newell School	Y. L. Soc'y, 2d Ch., Freeport, Ill.
Granville School	

SCHOOL AT GWALIOR, UNDER MRS. DR. WARREN-COST, \$100.

SUPPORTED BY

1..... W. M. S., 1st Ch., Jacksonville, Ill.

PUPILS IN INDIA.

SCHOLARSHIPS.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1	\$25	Ionia, Mich.
2	30	Ypsilanti, Mich.
3	30	Three Rivers, Mich.
4	25	Sabbath School, Aurora, Ill.
5	25	Mrs. Tompkins' S. S.Cl. Clinton, Iowa.

DEHRA DOON-COST, EACH, \$50.

SCHOLARSHIPS.	SUPPORTED BY
1	
2	Woodhull, Ill.
3	First Church, Chicago.
4	Sterling, Ill.
5	Mendota, Ill., and S. S. Ackley, Iowa,
6	Wisner, Band, 1st Church, Cedar Rapids.
7	Mission Band, Flint, Mich.
8	Armor Bearers, Dubuque, Iowa.
9	Starry Lights, Geneva Lake, Wis.
10	S. S., Westminster Church, Minneapolis.
11	Band, Perrysburg, O., and Rushville, Ill.
12	Lafayette, Ind.
13	S. S. Mason City, Ill.
14	W. M. S., Muscatine, Iowa.
15	Y. L. S. & S. S., 2d Ch., Springfield, Ill.
16	W. M. S., Chenoa, Ill.

. LODIANA, BO	YS' SCHOOL-	COST, EACH, \$30.
1	W. M. S., G	reecastle, Ind.
2	Mrs. Pollac	k, Dubuque, Iowa.
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4	W. M. S., Tr	ambull, Av. Ch., Detroit, Mich.
5	Band, Bates	TII
7	•	tate Centre, Iowa.
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9		lorence, Wis.
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12		Pres. Ch., Jacksonville, Ill.
13		rl Seekers," Galesburg, Ill. olarship Band, 3d Ch. Chicago.
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17	S. S., Ft. Ho	oward, Wis.
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20 21	S. S., Cornir S. S., Red O	ng, Adams County, Iowa.
22	•	c Church, Crawfordsville, Ind.
23	S. S., Tiffin,	
24		idgefield, Ill.
25	"Busy Glea	ners" Band, Grafton, Dakota.
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NAME.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Besheymoon		Richmond, Ind. W. M. S., Waukegan, Ill.
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Kefr Metta		Crawfordsville, Ind.
Ain Zehalta	50	Flint, Mich.
Mezraat No. 2		Flint, Mich.
Matully		Mishawaka, Ind.
Neeha		Central Church, Denver, Col.
Deir il Komr	200	Calvary Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.

Deir il Komr, one teacher.....

Deir il Komr, one teacher......

S. S., Evanston, Ill.

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Ammatoor. No. 1 60 W. M. S., 2d. Ch., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Ammatoor. No. 2 40Y. L. S., Boulder, Col., and W. M. S. Fergus Falls, Minn.
Ammatoor. No. 3 100S. S. 3d Church, Chicago.
Mezraat 100W. M. S., Fairfield, Iowa.
Beewirty
Morning Star (paper) 50
Colporteur 120S. S. 3d Church, Chicago, Ill.
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TRIPOLI—SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS—COST \$50 EACH.
1Y. L. Society, Carlinville, Ill.
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4Band "Willing Workers," Pana, Ill.
5Band "Willing Workers," Attica, Ind.
6S. S. Immanuel Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.
7S. S. 1st Pres. Ch., Kalamazoo, Mich.
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PERSIA.
SCHOOL AT OROOMIAH—NATIVE TEACHERS, \$50.
•
TeacherJefferson Park Church, Chicago.
TeacherY. People's Society, Bloomington, Ill.
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND PUPILS—COST, EACH, \$30.
NO. SUPPORTED BY
1 Little Gleaners, Ypsilanti, Mich.
2Southfield, Mich.
3Franklin, Mich.
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ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MRS. J. H. WARNER.

Sickness having twice necessitated a change of programme, I have been called upon at a late hour to bring you words of greeting, and say to you that in all these changes the *hearts* that have been waiting to welcome you remain unchanged, except as they have grown more impatient as the time of your coming drew nigh.

Nine years ago you came to us a feeble body, not knowing yourselves the power that was in you, or that you were to become; but your presence caused a ripple upon the surface of our quiet missionary spirit, which has been increasing to this day, as a stone disturbing the surface of our beautiful lake causes circles that are forever widening.

Do you wonder that our hearts were all aglow as we were waiting and watching and working for you? and would it be strange if we had added our testimony to the truth of the statement that selfishness is the mainspring of every motive? But were this the only incentive, we should be unworthy to walk and work with this noble company of women whose pulse throbs for the millions who have never heard of the love that is as free to them as to us, and whose great warm-beating heart is lighting the beacons that will show them the way to this love. Surely, much is given to us, and 'tis the Master's word that much shall be required.

The thirteen years of our existence has wrought many changes. Problems as to the best methods of work have been solved, and experience has resolved itself into knowledge, till we feel that with the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, we are ready to enter any of the open doors and tell the story of Christ's love.

God has dealt mercifully with us in sparing the lives of the consecrated ones who have so long led us, whose lips seem to

have been touched by a live coal from off His altar, and who by their example of entire faith and trust, show us there are heights to which we have not yet attained, but are open to us as we desire them.

We are thankful for those who, seeing the necessity for earnest, self-denying workers, are coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Surely knowledge is all that a Christian woman can need to make her feel a deep responsibility.

We fold our arms around the dear children who gather and join themselves to us that they may catch the crumbs from the Master's table, and we are glad, and satisfied in the thought that as we are called to lay our burdens down, and come up higher, the work will not languish, but will be carried forward with unabated zeal, by those who are accustomed to the work, and who love the liberty of the gospel.

In tearful humility of spirit, we are thankful for the presence of those who, having fulfilled the divine commission—"go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"—must be very precious in the sight of our Savior, and must daily walk in the light of His countenance.

Do we not reëcho the thought of our pastor, given to us last Sabbath, that he was anxiously waiting for this time, to hear of fresh marvels that God was doing, from the lips of those who have seen these wondrous things, and who have given themselves entirely to His service? "Being in the way, He led them."

It is not for me to enter into details of work; only in behalf of our united missionary societies and our citizens to welcome you most cordially to our hearts and homes, and to our church which is so dear to us all, and sometimes seems to be the very gate of heaven itself. God grant it may be so at this time!

Our Marthas and Marys have had you in their thoughts for many days, and if anything is lacking that would add to the facility of your work, or to your personal comfort, I assure you it is not a lack of heart or desire. Again we bid you a cordial welcome.

"May the Lord be in our midst that we may be joined to Him in one spirit," and that it may be said of us, "Yea, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world," and "in the name of our God we will set up our banner."

RESPONSE.

MRS. P. L. PERRINE.

Going and coming! All the people in the world are going and coming somewhere—on the street, in the cars, aboard ship, throngs and multitudes are hurrying on; some with hopeful, expectant faces, some with anxious nervous expression, others in a listless almost despairing manner—all going somewhere for something—will they get it, and return satisfied, or will disappointment be their portion?

For twelve years this "Board of the North-west" have annually been going somewhere for some purpose. Year by year the invitation has been given by warm-hearted Christian women, to come to this or that beautiful city and we have gone. We expected rich feasts of love, and have never been disappointed; we have returned to our homes, carrying the gifts received, of spirituality and earnestness, to those who were prevented from coming, and who were equally serving by "staying by the stuff." Could we follow the bright lines of influence that radiate from these annual meetings, we would see such results as might surprise the most skeptical; women awakened, souls born into the kingdom, weak churches strengthened, new churches organized in this broad, beautiful land of ours; while in foreign lands, there is no limit to the results, in raising degraded women and children from heathenism, and teaching them of the loving and tender Saviour; opening doors of Harem and Zenanas, ministering to the sick and even influencing kings; surely we have not met in vain.

Last year, while enjoying the rich feast at Detroit, came the invitation "Come to Milwaukee!" Many hearts bounded with pleasure, for we knew of Milwaukee the beautiful; knew of

her noble Christian women who year by year have gladdened us with their cheering presence, and stirred us with their earnest words-and when reports were read, we knew of their liberal gifts—and we were alad when the answer was returned "We will come to Milwaukee." And now, beloved friends, we are here: we have come from afar-over mountains, across boundless prairies and over treacherous rivers: from household cares and never-ending duties, we have hastened here; for what? To meet the King in his own Temple. And may his presence be manifested to each! We have come to meet these dear returned missionaries, who, weary and heavy-laden, have come home to rest, and while resting, to tell us of their work. How delightful is the meeting of the Saints on this side the "river," and if so precious here, "what must it be to be there?" Truly, we are favored this year in coming to such a beautiful city-such lovely homes and boundless hospitality. The cordial welcome to which we have just listened, the elaborate preparations that we see all about us, the lovely flowers so beautifully and artistically arranged, with the suggestive mottoes and decorations, all tell the same story, "The love of Christ constraineth us," and we thank you, dear sisters, for your expressions of love, in the name of the Master, and while we sit in heavenly places, may the Holy Spirit fill these places with His presence, and while we abide with you, may the "tie that binds" be knit yet closer and stronger, and may we carry forth more of consecration and earnestness than ever before!

have entered within the gates, and for them Labor is exchanged for rest, and Prayer for praise; let us not mourn as do others, but rather rejoice for them, that the separation is once, and they are forever with the Lord. May we not catch the "falling mantle," and carry out their work until we too shall hear the summons, "Come up higher," ever remembering the sweet promise of Him whose word is sure, "Lo! I am with you alway." Dear sisters of Milwaukee, again we thank you for your "welcome," and may the blessing of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least, ye did it unto me," rest upon each one of you.

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ANNUAL ADDRESS.

MRS. A. H. HOGE, PRESIDENT.

No study can so surprise and exalt the mind as that of the foundation and progress of Christianity. Emerging from Judea, the babe of Bethlehem grew to manhood, only stepping from His privacy to confound the Pharisees in the temple. He then shrank back to the carpenter's bench, working at His trade, obeying His parents, till at Jordan He asked baptism of John, who forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? He answered, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Christ's public chequered life of three years, discloses absolute perfection. Now, riding on an ass over garments spread by the multitude, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David;" anon, brought before Pilate and condemned to a cruel, ignominious death, "He opened not His mouth." In His crucial agony He cried, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." No marvel that this Christ religion has put to naught the attacks of infidels, the axe and gibbet of its persecutors, even survived the coldness and failures of its professed followers. From "Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand" it now asserts its power by marching steadily forward, till in this nineteenth century its ensign in all lands is broadly inscribed, The world for Christ and Christ for the world. On this thirteenth anniversary of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, founded and carried forward for the christianization of woman in heathen lands, we gather here to-day. This is not a half-way house, where we stop from weariness or lack of courage. Bethel-none other than the "house of God and the gate of heaven." We come at His call to obey the command of the rising Lord. This meeting tells the story of His life experience and is the key to His sacrificial death. It comes to do its part toward bringing back a rebellious world to the dominion of a loving Father. It involves our relations to our infinitely wise Leader, and to our fellow-men. "God so loved the world that He

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gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him. might not perish but have everlasting life; as my Father sent me, even so send I you." These marching orders admit of no debate. The nearer we stand to Christ the more clearly shall we read them, and the more loval shall we be. For us He hath opened a door of reconciliation, and a pathway to joy unutterable and full of glory. Thanksgivings fill our hearts when we learn from His holy word that woman has so pronounced and honorable a place in the new dispensation. She was last at the cross, and first at the tomb on resurrection morn. woman, thus loyal, came the first announcement and invitation, "He is not here for He is risen; come, see the place where the Lord lay." She was also the first messenger of the stupendous event: "Go quickly and tell His disciples." Still more amazing, as she went with great joy, Jesus met them and gave them His "all hail:" with due humility "they held him by the feet and worshiped." This is woman's commission in foreign mission work—"Go tell" those who alone can be reached by woman, the glad news of salvation. She feels strong in God's strength, as God's prophecy is being fulfilled, "And on my handmaidens I will pour out my spirit, and they shall prophesy." From that day, this precious promise has been the strength and encouragement of those who have left all to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the glad tidings. The work of foreign missions is essential to Christian growth. Paul tells us "it is for the perfection of the saints," "for the edifying of the boly of Christ."

This empire is founded on love, and has been born of a contest of centuries. It gains now more rapidly than ever before. Von Muller declared, "Christ is the key to the history of the world." In the enforced quiet of St. Helena, Napoleon wrote, "The religion of Christ is a mystery, which subsists by its own force and proceeds from a mind that is not a human mind. The death of Christ is the death of a God." Voltaire boldly predicted, by the beginning of the nineteenth century Christianity will have died, never to be resurrected. What do the facts of to-day ring out? Over 2,500,000 of converts to Christianity rescued from idolatry may be found in India, China

and Japan, Madagascar, the Fiji Islands; Tokio, with its twelve Presbyterian churches, the Bible advertised for sale, the clergy debating the subject of marriage and the eating of meat; Buddhist temples closed by order of the Emperor, converts throughout the world leading in prayer meetings and going out on missionary tours, the slave market in Zanzibar closed. transformed into missionary premises, the gospel preached whenever and wherever the zeal of Christians sends it, respect for woman vastly increased and her oppression greatly diminished. For this great work only \$8,500,000 are expended annually, while for the purchase of liquor, destructive to soul and body, the same amount is spent in three days in Great Britain, and in five days in the United States. Accurate calculation shows that over 1,000,000,000 of earth's inhabitants, of whom one-half are women, have not yet heard of Christ. Two hundred and fifty million of our own sex are dependent for this knowledge on America. Shall we monopolize this unspeakable gift, capable of unlimited expansion? Only a hundred years ago, Henry Martyn said, "Should I ever see a Hindoo converted I shall see something approaching the resurrection of the dead." He died without the sight, but is now sitting down at the marriage supper of the Lamb with multitudes of redeemed heathen. Notwithstanding the apparently slow progress of Christianity for seventeen centuries, the Lord has permitted us to see the day and take part in the work, when vast

ENCOURAGEMENTS

should stimulate our zeal and send the church to her knees in thanksgiving and believing prayer. The Bible is now printed in 250 languages and dialects; 150,000,000 of copies in circulation; twenty-five woman's boards are engaged in providing means to send the gospel to woman in foreign lands; the number of missionary societies is ten-fold greater than eighty years ago; the converts fifty-fold greater—thirty times greater than at home. As evidence of increasing interest in the world's salvation, new modes of instruction and stimulation are inaugurated and new laborers find

place. The organization represented here to-day is proof of this. It shows the increased estimate of the responsibility of woman in the work of the world's salvation. A longclosed leaf of the New Testament is now read and understood. It is seen that Phoebe was a servant of the church at Cenchrea: that Paul greeted Priscilla, Mary, Urbane, Tryphena, Tryphosa and their peers as helpers in the Lord. Woman has thus been received and assisted by the brethren in whatsoever business she hath need of them. One department of foreign mission work, of immense value and promise, falls naturally to woman, who holds in her hand the heart of infancy and childhood. The progress in this department, in view of its recent organization, is surprising. Thence, ere long, must inevitable vacancies be filled of laborers for the cause at home and in the foreign field. In God's strength we may so fill the bushel with wheat, that there will be little room for anathy or worldliness. By precept, example and prayer, by the formation of youthful societies, quarterly meetings with suitable accompaniments in Sabbath schools, the youth may be so educated as to bring forth fruit an hundred fold to the glory of God.

The prosecution of medical work by women for heathen women grows in importance and value. The success of one and another properly educated medical missionary, has afforded such relief to the women of the Orient that a loud call for their increase is made. The Board of the Northwest assumes the expense of medical education as rapidly as scholarships are endowed, and accepts such as are already fitted for the work. Some noble individual women have made such provision, others are massing contributions for this purpose. For bodily relief we have Christ's command and example, and are thus assured of its wisdom, endorsed by our experience.

A new and valuable appliance in the work of foreign missions has come to the front. A diagram showing the actual and relative numbers of mankind, according to their religion, has been published in "The Regions Beyond," by permission of Mr. Eugene Stock, of the "Church Missionary Society of London," and has been used with great power by the Y. M.

C. A. of Chicago. They have kindly permitted the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest to avail itself of this great aid in its work.

In conclusion, I would say, the spirit of missions has been well defined as the divine energy of the gospel. The past is gone. What record shall the present bear to the court of heaven, on whose throne sits the Lamb that was slain? Thanks to the Lord, the missionary fire in hearts is rarely extin-The heavenly spark kindles to a flame, and burns unfalteringly. Shall woman's heart not thrill as did Elizabeth's, when she heard of a coming Savior? Filled with the Holy Ghost, she exclaimed to Mary, "Blessed art Thou among women." Mary responded "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior." My sisters, shall we in word or deed be silent while the last words of Revelation ring in our ears? "And the Spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that heareth, say come; and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

ILLINOIS.

MRS. H. T. HELM.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Illinois comes to you with a report full of encouragement, and of more active work than ever before in the Master's vineyard.

The Northern district reports as follows:

ROCK RIVER Presbytery: 32 societies and bands, taking 26 copies of Woman's Work for Woman and 30 of Children's Work for Children. Amount contributed, \$957.73.

OTTAWA Presbytery: 18 societies, taking 43 copies of Woman's Work for Woman and 9 of Children's Work for Children. Amount contributed, \$566.65.

FREEPORT Presbytery: 23 societies and bands, taking 92 copies of Woman's Work for Woman and 58 of Children's Work for Children. Amount contributed, \$1605.30.

CHICAGO Presbytery: 78 societies and bands. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman, 491; Children's Work for Children, 242. Amount contributed, \$15,192.30.

Northern district secretary, Mrs. A. C. Knowlton.

Mrs. Dr. Griffith, Central district secretary, writes: "The angel's words to Zechariah of 2400 years ago, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts,' have been sounding through the presbyteries of the Central district, cheering, stimulating, comforting and sustaining every handmaiden engaged in this work of lifting up woman to a higher life." They report as follows:

BLOOMINGTON Presbytery: 30 societies—3 new ones organized during the year, 2 reorganized—9 bands and 8 contributing Sabbath schools; members in societies and bands, 731. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman taken, 104; Children's Work for Children, 77. Amount contributed, \$2,645.24. Gain over last year of 40 per cent.

PEORIA Presbytery: Societies, 58; members, 3,297. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman, 215; Children's Work for Children, 126. Every church in this presbytery excepting two has a missionary society. Amount contributed, \$2,425.24.

Springfield Presbytery: Societies and bands, 31; members, 1,287. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman taken, 130; Children's Work for Children, 97. Amount contributed, \$2,428.10.

Schuyler Presbytery: 31 Societies and bands; 639 members, taking 73 copies of Woman's Work for Woman and 37 of Children's Work for Children. Amount contributed, \$1,108.57.

Mrs. S. L. Sibley, secretary of Southern district, sends the following report:

ALTON Presbytery: 36 societies and bands. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman, 71; Children's Work for Children, 44. Amount contributed, \$927.33.

Cairo Presbytery: 21 societies, taking 35 copies of Woman's Work for Woman and 44 of Children's Work for Children. Amount contributed, \$492.75.

Mattoon Presbytery: 18 societies and bands. 43 copies of Woman's Work for Woman, and 39 of Children's Work for Children are taken; also 12 copies of the Foreign Missionary. Amount contributed, \$660.67.

Summary for the State: Number of societies, 390. Copies of Woman's Work for Woman, 1,323; Children's Work for Children, 900. Total amount contributed, \$29,009.88.

The number of members cannot be given accurately, as in some cases contributing Sabbath schools are not reported as to members.

The synodical meeting was held last October in connection with the Foreign Missionary Convention of Synod. Much interest was manifest, and resolutions adopted to "work more earnestly than ever."

"That we dedicate anew our interest and our prayer to this service, to which women are *especially* called—the enlightenment of our sisters in heathen lands."

That this resolution has been faithfully kept is shown by our report. Most of the presbyteries have made 18 to 20 per cent. increase. Bloomington and Freeport 41 per cent., and Rock River, best of all, 80 per cent.

Peoria and Schuyler have held decennial meetings during the year.

Delightful prayer meetings have been held in many churches. There are 17 missionaries supported by different societies and presbyteries in the State. Time forbids us to call their names, but they are all written above.

Most earnest prayer is going up to the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers into the harvest. More active work, and a truer consecration is called for to merit the expected answer to this prayer.

INDIANA.

MRS. E. H. MANN.

The Synodical Society of the State of Indiana report as follows: 137 societies, 13 young ladies' societies, 48 bands

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and 34 Sabbath schools contributing. Organized during the year just closed 11 new societ es, 2 young ladies' societies, 11 new bands and 11 Sabbath schools. There are 415 copies of Foreign Missionary taken, 369 copies of Woman's Work and 258 copies of Children's Work. Contributions as reported to Secretary are \$9,737,05, being an increase of 91 per cent. over the last year's amount. Only one or two of the Presbyterial Societies have fallen short, while others have largely increased their contributions. We feel greatly encouraged in view of the number of new societies, and a growing interest among our Sabbath schools, from whom our ranks must be kept up, and in what better way can the Savior's last command be enforced than by implanting a love for the cause of missions in these young hearts, and very soon will they see the necessity of the "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel." Our eight Presbyterial Societies report interesting Praise Meetings during the year, many of them in connection with the Week of Prayer, and rich results, both spiritual and financial, accruing therefrom. It is with much pleasure we record a full and interesting meeting held at Franklin, last October, where delegates from all parts of the State came together, and better than all, the Holy Spirit was manifestly present. Mrs. Rhea, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Allen added greatly to the interest of the occasion. Thanking God and taking courage, we are emboldend to go forward, hoping for greater and better things in the future.

Cheering words from our late Secretary, Miss Holliday, assure us that she is in entire sympathy with her work, and we feel that Tabriz station has gained a noble helper in one who has shown by her works, her love for the souls of those who are still sitting in darkness. May her example be followed by many others in the State of Indiana.

IOWA.

MESDAMES YOUNG AND SCOTT.

With thankful hearts we present you the report of the Iowa Woman's Synodical Society.

For the measure of success that has crowned our every effort, we give to Him in whose vineyard we have been permitted to labor another year, our grateful praise. To His name be all the glory.

The work in which we have perhaps been most deeply interested is that among the Sac and Fox Indians, reported last year as "undertaken," though not fully entered upon until May 21, 1883.

Although at the beginning of the work our missionary, Miss Anna Skea, only obtained "permission" to spend the summer among the Indians on condition that she should not be known as a Christian teacher, she accepted that condition, and for months, with unwearied and Christ-like fidelity, endeavored in every possible way to win their confidence. Nor were her labors in vain. She found the Indians reserved, suspicious, and even bitter in their feelings toward the whites, but ere the autumn months had passed, those for whom she had so unselfishly labored, had given her their confidence, and, divining the object of her labors among them, had named her the "Church Squaw."

On October it was decided that the time had arrived when distinctive Christian work should be begun. As this could not be done by one teacher, the necessity for employing a second was laid before the Boards. In November, 1883, Miss Dora Ball, of Cedar Rapids, was commissioned by the Board at New York to assist Miss Skea, and November 14 they unitedly entered upon their work.

The results of their labors thus far have exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

For a full report of the work, from the time of its inception to the present, we refer those who desire it, to the Presbyterian Monthly Record for April, 1884.

Our interest in the new work upon which we have entered, has not lessened, but rather intensified that felt in the work in which we have been engaged for years. Much earnest effort has been put forth by the officers of our Presbyterial Societies and others, and the reports from our Presbyterial Secretaries were never more encouraging than now.

A good degree of interest is reported from most of the auxiliaries, whilst some report quite a revival of interest among their members. One Pres. Secretary mentions a genuine awakening of interest in the mind of the pastors, on the subject of organization among the children. This we are especially glad to learn, and trust it may result in a large increase in the number of Sunday school organizations in that Presbytery the coming year.

Numerous praise-meetings of deep interest, already followed by precious results, are reported.

Five Secretaries report, respectively, an increase in contributions of 4, 24, 55, 75 and 92 per cent. The other two, 19 and 28 per cent. less than last year.

Contributions have been made as follows:

Sent to Chicago	\$4,445.51
For special work among Sac and Fox Indians	
For Synodical and Presbyterial work	80.73
For Printing Synodical Report	62 00
For Tabriz Home	21.30
Gift to Miss Bassett	40.00
Total	\$ 4 928 04

Eleven Societies, seven Bands and six Sunday schools have been added to our list of organizations. Four of these had once been enrolled, but had not been heard from for years. Some were added as the direct result of Mrs. Oliver's visit among the churches. The other additions are due to the untiring efforts of the officers of the Presbyterial Societies to which they belong. Of some of these, a Secretary writes: "They will not be strong societies, nor will they contribute largely; but will do something, while they are being educated in the work."

Let us multiply these little bands of workers and educate them, that as the churches of which they form a part grow stronger, they may be ready for a larger share in the blessed work.

The increase in the number of missionary periodicals reported, is not what we had hoped for. On the contrary, the number of

copies of the Children's Magazine so far as reported, is somewhat less than last year.

Our Synodical meeting, held in Clinton last October, was one of unusual interest.

Mrs. Van Hook presented most touchingly the wants and woes of women in Persia.

Mrs. Walker, of the Executive Committee of the Home Board, told us of the degradation of our sisters in Utah, and made a forcible appeal in their behalf.

"The World's Need," formed the theme of a most impressive address by Mrs. Douglass. Our individual responsibility in the work of supplying that need, was most earnestly pressed home to every heart.

The "Command" seemed more than ever imperative, and the "Promise" more precious than ever, ere Mrs. J. B. Stewart had finished reading her interesting paper, the subject of which embraced both "The Command and the Promise."

Dr. Jessup's address in the evening, closed a day long to be remembered by those who shared in its privileges.

MICHIGAN.

Our report from this State, has been providentially detained from us by severe sickness. Mrs. Brownell writes from beside the sick bed of her aged mother: "I find that to fail to do what is by so many expected of me, is a much greater trial than to be deprived of attending the meeting. I hope and pray that good and not evil may come out of it."

The following sums have been received from the six Presbyterial Societies, and the reports all show growth.

Detroit Presby	terial S	ociety	 	.\$6,004.68
Grand Rapids	"	"		
Kalamazoo	"	"		901.44
Lansing	"	"		402.35
Monroe	"	"		831.11
Saginaw	"	"	••••	979.79
			Total	\$9.500.27

This includes the S. School gifts and amounts given for publication of reports and letters.

MINNESOTA.

MRS. J. R. HALL.

If we could flatter ourselves that change mean's progress, the past year could be reported as very prosperous in Minnesota. Our six Presbyteries reported at last annual meeting, have been transformed into ten, still embracing the same extent of territory. In reality, however, the disintegration and reorganization of Presbyterial societies but lately formed is, if not detrimental to the work, at least very perplexing. The Presbytery of Red River has been subdivided into Red River, Northern Pacific and Pembina. Southern Dakota has been subdivided into Southern Dakota, Central Dakota and Aberdeen. Of these ten Presbyteries, four belong properly to Minnesota, six to the Territory of Dakota, but all embraced in the Synod of Minnesota. We are hopeful that when the boundaries of Presbyteries shall have been permanently established, reports of mission work can be presented in such shape as to show the fruits of the seed that has been carefully and prayerfully sown. The year has been one of untiring activity in endeavors to awaken interest in the cause of missions.

By request of many earnest Christian women of Southern Dakota, our indefatigable Synodical President, Mrs. Gen'l Van Cleve, made a missionary tour in the early summer through a portion of the Territory. Regardless of physical discomfort, with heart filled with love for the Master, she met with great Some societies were organized, healthful tonics administered to the weak, and new vitality infused into the faint-hearted. With undaunted zeal, she also made a midwinter tour in Northern Dakota and Montana. Her efforts were greatly blessed and resulted in organization of auxiliaries and also of Presbyterial Society in Montana. But as this Territory belongs properly to the Synod of Colorado, statistical reports of the work accomplished will be presented to the Board through another channel.

The Presbytery called Dakota, consists of ten native Indian churches. Every church in this Presbytery has its Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. During the past year, these societies have contributed \$438.76. As their contributions are sent to Indian mission stations, these societies are not properly on the roll of the Board of the Northwest. But, as belonging to our Synod and embracing part of our state work, they deserve honorable mention.

Southern Dakota has no society old enough to have found its way into print, in the Annual Report of this Board.

Since last annual meeting, a number of societies have been organized, as well as an efficient, well-officered Presbyterial Society. Notwithstanding that they are at present in a condition of transfer and reorganization, owing to subdivison of their Presbytery, they send in report of 6 societies, 94 members, 21 copies of Woman's Work, 23 copies of Children's Work; amount, \$77.78.

The Presbytery of Pembina reports nine (9) societies and bands, 107 members, eighteen (18) copies of magazines; amount, \$89.17. Of these societies, all but one have been organized since last November, and that one is in the second year of its existence.

The NORTHERN PACIFIC Presbytery reports 7 societies, 3 bands, 1 Sunday School, 92 members, 37 copies of Woman's Work, 45 copies of Children's Work; amount, \$154.90. The Secretary writes that they had a "noble Presbyterial meeting; they had some delightful papers, and better than all, the evident presence and power of the Spirit."

One Secretary writes that this is the "day of small things in Dakota." If she sends us such records as these in her infancy, what may we not expect from the full-grown woman.

We shall not be disappointed if we look for inspiring reports—

"In the Here and the Hereafter, From the land of the Dakotahs."

In Minnesota proper, Mankato reports 15 societies and bands, 344 members, 35 copies of Woman's Work, 31 copies of Children's Work; amount, \$238.70.

This Presbytery has not yet held its annual meeting, for that reason sends only statistical report.

Red River Presbytery labors under the disadvantage of subdivision and transfer; two societies and one band are reported; number of members, 61; thirteen (13) copies of Woman's Work, 13 copies of Children's Work; amount, \$114.62.

Winona Presbytery reports twelve (12) societies and bands with membership 294; 34 magazines, amount, \$292.20; a large proportion of the churches remain to be organized. The hope is strong now that by another year there will be many more societies, and the work in this Presbytery be prosecuted with renewed vigor. This society has held regular Presbyterial meetings which have been reported as interesting and profitable. Presbyterial meetings seem to be growing in favor throughout the entire Synod. Every Presbytery has had or has made arrangements to have Presbyterial meeting.

St. Paul Presbytery reports thirty-one (31) societies, bands and Sunday schools with 805 members; 150 copies of Woman's Work; 180 copies of Children's Work; amount, 1,689.52. The Secretary reports a gain of 100 copies of magazines, and writes thus—" With missionary intelligence so liberally supplied there can be little danger of decrease in membership or interest.

The work among the Chinese in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul presents an interesting feature and seems now to be on firm footing.

The success of the young people's societies has been very gratifying. We do not hesitate to say that one powerful cause of this success has been the increase in circulation of missionary magazines and in missionary literature in our Sabbath-school Libraries. Societies in this Presbytery have formed tender alliances and are contributing to the support of missionaries in Africa, China, India, Laos, Persia, Siam, Syria, South America, Dakota, Indian Territory and among the Chinese in California.

Although the amount contributed seems less than last year, it does not indicate less interest, but the societies are settling

down to a more correct standard, reporting only the amounts that pass through the hands of Presbyterial Treasurer.

There has also been a more careful sifting of contributions to home and foreign boards. The same is true to a great extent of societies throughout the Synod.

Our stronghold in state work is our Presbyterial organization; this is gaining in efficiency, and a more thorough understanding by the officers of the responsibility involved.

Our great reliance is in the true and tempered steel of these main springs of organized Woman's Work. The spirit evinced by a majority of them in their Annual Reports is most encouraging. They do not claim to have done what they could, but still are thankful for blessings in the past. Feeling their own weakness as known best to themselves, they stand firmly facing the future, trusting in the precious exhortation and promise—"Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

NEBRASKA.

MRS. A. HARDY.

What blessed seasons, and times long to be remembered, are these home-gatherings. Once every year the Parental Home shines with a new light, and happy expectation reigns supreme, while every door and window radiates the beautiful words "Welcome Home." Parental arms are lovingly outstretched to the ten eager children as they come returning home from their several states. What sight more beautiful than these ten bowed heads, each expecting and receiving that blessing which only a parent's hand can give. Even the youngest born, the fair State of Nebraska, is awarded a seat of honor among her older and more mature sisters. She is no longer an infant, but stands before you to-day in all the strength and glory of young womanhood, with hands, heart and brain ready for any work assigned her. During the past year she has gained new strength in almost every way. Her Presbyterial meetings have been well attended, and resulted in much good. A pretty feature of one just held at Auburn was, two little girl delegates representing a band just organized at Firth. The little misses took their seats with just as much interest as their older sisters, and when called upon gave in their report in a very entertaining manner. Truly, this is a step in the right direction, and we hope many others will follow. An increased desire and love for missionary literature is a marked feature of interest, the number of "Woman's Work for Woman" being double that of last year, beside several copies of "Foreign Missionary," and a generous supply of missionary leaflets, papers, etc.

The Synodical meeting held at Seward last October was one of interest and mutual benefit to all who attended. One pleasant feature of our work during the past winter, has been the publishing in pamphlet form of a manuscript written by Mrs. Julia D. Carrothers, a returned missionary from Japan. The work was written while its author was an unwilling exile from the chosen work of her life. God called her into a desert place to rest awhile; thus had she opportunity to calmly survey missionary work, albeit through the lens of tears. little pamphlet bears the title, "Lights and Shades of Missionary Life." It is full of worth from beginning to end, and should be owned and read by every missionary woman. The expense of publication has been borne by a devoted woman of Nebraska, who wishes the sweetness of this alabaster box to be diffused in many a home. The pamphlet will be sold at ten cents a copy, and the proceeds, thus doubly a thank-offering, will be devoted to foreign missions. We have now sixty-one auxiliaries and bands in good working order, nearly every one working alike for home and foreign missions. Several churches report no organized society, but a missionary element, which is constantly working and sending in such contributions as they can raise. Nine new societies have been formed during the Nebraska City Presbytery reports twenty-seven auxiliaries and bands, several failing to report. This Presbytery contributes to foreign missions \$454.43. Kearney Presbytery reports five auxiliaries and bands, contributing \$56.50. Omaha.

Presbytery seventeen auxiliaries and bands, contributing \$295.21. Hastings Presbytery reports twelve auxiliaries and bands, \$115.48, making a sum total of \$921.62. The work of the past year has given us new strength, wisdom and zeal, and we enter upon a new year fully determined to "do with our might whatever our hands find to do."

OHIO.

MRS. C. C. DOOLITTLE.

The four Presbyteries which formerly composed the Synod of Toledo report as follows:

Bellefontaine Presbytery: Societies, 16; bands, 5; memberships, 495; Woman's Work, 48; Children's Work, 42; amount contributed Foreign Missions, \$700.59.

LIMA Presbytery: Societies, 14; bands, 9; Woman's Work, 27; Children's Work, 7; amount contributed Foreign Missions, \$888.57.

HURON Presbytery: Societies, 15; bands, 9; membership, 442; Woman's Work, 73; Children's Work, 30; amount contributed Foreign Missions, \$544.50.

MAUMEE Presbytery: Societies, 20; bands, 10; memberships, 983; Woman's Work, 60; Children's Work, 33; amount contributed Foreign Missions, \$1,008.00.

Total: Societies, 65; bands, 33; copies Woman's Work, 208; Children's Work, 112; amount contributed Foreign Missions, \$3,141.66.

The reports from these Presbyteries show a satisfactory growth. A solid foundation has been reached; the novelty has long since dropped away, and the work is carried on in the true spirit of loyalty to the Master; especially is this manifest in the case of some of the smaller societies, whose proportionally large gifts tell of self-denial and sacrifice.

Another hopeful sign for the permanence of the work lies in the fact that the Sabbath schools are being organized into mission bands, and much more attention is bestowed upon the "Missionary Sunday" than formerly. There is a decided increase in contributions over those of last year, only one of the Presbyterial societies falling behind, and that in consequence of the illness of its officers, and the consequent interruption of the work. Owing to the breaking up of the old Synodical relations, no regular Synodical meetings are held, but the spring meetings of Presbyterial societies are held regularly, and are a power for good among the societies.

The ties that bind the societies to their missionaries on the field, and through them to the parent Board, grow stronger year by year. Letters of affectionate interest are written them, which are now and then replied to, thus keeping very strong the bond of sympathy between them.

Miss Hartwell, supported by Bellefontaine Presbytery, has received during the past year a box valued at \$85, besides other special gifts which will add much to her comfort in her far distant home. These gifts are entirely personal, and outside of the regular contributions, which are larger this year than last.

HURON Presbytery still holds in her warm affection Mrs. Robertson, who is doing such noble service in giving the Gospel to the Creeks in their own tongue.

MAUMEE Presbytery still continues the support of Miss Fetter among the Omaha Indians, and are much interested in her work there. She has received from one society a box valued at \$40.

Lima Presbytery has lately assumed the support of Mrs. Leyenberger in China, the result of which is happily manifest in an increase in her contributions over last year of about \$80.

The presbyterial secretary writes: Lima Presbytery comes with cheering words of progress. The adopting of Mrs. J. A. Leyenberger for our own has quickened our zeal and given fresh inspiration to our members. The pioneer work of the presbyterial society is done, and the door of entrance is thrown wide open to the women of the church. Knowledge and giving go hand in hand.

Our societies are busy gathering, for the waiting harvest, and our bands are "gleaning after the reapers among the sheaves." OXFORD WESTERN FEMALE SEMINARY.—Our missionary society numbers about 170 members. Monthly meetings have been held on the first Saturday of every month, conducted by a section of fifteen or twenty young ladies, assisted by a teacher.

The interest in missions has been kept at the white heat by frequent letters and visits from missionaries. Mr. Farnham, of China, and Miss Bassett, of Persia, spent a few delightful days with us last spring, and Miss Cole and Miss Cundall passed much of the fall and early winter under our roof.

Our Sabbath evening "twilight meeting," in which we meet to pray for the Christian workers of the world, especially for those in foreign lands, is well attended, and the bright, attentive faces and the sweet, earnest prayers, are promises of the work that will yet be done. At every meeting letters are read from some of the dear family far away, or from those "whom not having seen we love."

Our contributions this year to foreign missions have been \$386.88; of this \$120 was received from the sale of "Mary Campbell's Memorial."

In addition to this we have sent \$25.00 to an Indian school, and \$21.25 to the Ohio River sufferers, making a total contribution, home and foreign, of \$433.13. We have also packed and sent three boxes of clothing to workers that we thus hoped to strengthen and gladden.

ALICE W. MILLIGAN, Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

MISS M. W. CANDEE.

Wisconsin greets her sisters of the Northwest this year with a glad welcome, hoping and believing that this gathering of noble consecrated workers for Jesus, will be laden with rich blessing to those who come, as well as to the favored ones, whose hearts and homes are opened to receive them.

The Synod of Wisconsin has 5 Presbyteries, and from their reports, we gather the following summary of work done:

No. of Societies and Bands	90
Of which number, 6 Societies and 10 Bands have	e been.
organized within the year	16
Copies Woman's Work taken	175
Copies Children's Work	
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	. \$2,711.03
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Amount contributed to Home Missions, cash	
Boxes sent, amounting to	. 750.00
Total for Home Missions	\$2 702 71
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Not all our auxiliaries, however, have reported Home Mission Work to us; some sending their contributions to the Woman's Executive Committee; others report boxes, not stating their value, and still others doing efficient work for their own feeble churches, which they say does not properly come under the head of Home Mission Work. In the matter of Missionary Magazines also, secretaries report many copies taken of our eminently Missionary paper, The Interior, also the Foreign Missionary and other magazines. Societies engaged in Home Mission Work, report copies taken of The Presbyterian Home Missionary and other periodicals devoted to the interests of that branch of Mission Work.

Early in the year our beloved young missionary, Fannie Cundall, was compelled, on account of ill health, to return to her native land. The dear Savior saw fit to lay her low on a bed of pain and suffering. Earnest prayers for her recovery ascended continually to the throne on high from every mission circle in our State. These prayers have surely been heard, for the healing has come in part, and we have her with us to-day to tell what the dear Lord has done for her. Reports of noble, self-sacrificing labors of love and devotion come to us also from our own young missionary, Susie Dougherty, telling of her life and work among the Indians of the Odanah Mission. Some of our societies have worked with loving hands and hearts to prepare boxes of gifts, which have done much to gladden the hearts and lives of workers in the field, and also interesting the pupils in those who so kindly remember them.

Mrs. Helm made a tour among some of our auxiliaries during the autumn and winter months. Her earnest consecrated efforts have received grateful tributes in the reports of many societies. Here and there a new society sends the glad message, we organized under the influence of Mrs. Helm's visit. While many who have not yet taken that step, are so deeply interested that we look under God's blessing for great results from this precious seed-sowing.

Many of our auxiliaries report enthusiastic praise meetings, held under instructions given in the circular sent out by the One Secretary writes of their success, which was accomplished by sending out postals, "requesting each lady to come with sealed envelopes containing offering and Scripture text. A little boy brought his offering of one cent. One society among our Holland churches has worked with such untiring zeal, that their contributions put to shame the work of those whose opportunities are far greater. One of our newly organized bands, is the outgrowth of the work of a consecrated Sabbath School teacher, among her class of little girls. Heavenly Father took the teacher to Himself, and for her dear sake, they carry out her plans. Another band is reported as holding large and profitable meetings each month, in sunshine or in storm, with a pastor or without, and faithfully writing monthly letters to their missionary. They open their meetings with a half-hour's devotional exercise, and with such workers in training, what may we not confidently expect in the future?

The Chinese work in Milwaukee has been very successful; of 24 resident Chinese, 17 have been brought under Christian influence. Packages of Christmas and other gifts have been sent by many of our societies to the several mission stations in which they are interested; among them are Tripoli, Syria, and the Odanah Mission.

One of our Presbyterial Secretaries writes: "I am struck with the number of new organizations among the young, and realize that some one has been stirring up the sleeping ones." Another says: "Our societies are certainly doing more and better work than ever before, and the young people are falling

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into line rapidly." And so the good work goes on, each year bringing in new workers and new methods of interesting the indifferent.

This year we held a very enthusiastic and interesting Synodical meeting at La Crosse. We were favored by the presence with us of Mrs. Helm and Miss Wilma Jacobs, whose young life she had consecrated to the service of the Master. May the influence of the fervent, soul-inspiring words uttered that day, spring up, and bear fruit, an hundred fold!

And now, as we begin the work of another year, may we go foward, feeling that, wrapped in the mantle of Jesus' protecting love and power, our banner must be written all over, with "On to Victory!"

MISCELLANEOUS.

In March, 1880, the Denver Presbyterial Society was organized with about half a dozen societies and bands; this year they report twenty, with growth in knowledge and in interest. The shifting nature of the population is spoken of in their report as a reason of so meagre one, (is it meagre?) Perhaps the scattering of the leaven of missionary knowledge carried by these moving members may leaven the whole State.

Montana Presbytery is included in the Synod of Colorado, and it has been organized by Mrs. Van Cleve within a few months with three good societies and one S. S. band. Is it too much to hope that by the time the year rolls around Colorado will have at least four presbyterial societies to report?

From far-off Oregon comes word of Eugene City keeping steadily on and increasing in gifts. Too far away for any personal intercourse, they do not falter.

Coming nearer home, we learn of the steadfast work at Burrton, Kansas, where there are so many calls for work at their own doors, still they do not forget their far away-sisters. One of their members made and sold yeast that she might increase her gifts.

From Independence, Mo., word is sent us of increase in interest and gifts, and the hope expressed for greater growth the coming year, which may "give evidence of our earnestness in and love for the Master's service."

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

MRS GEN. VAN CLEVE.

Dearly Beloved: I was invited last winter to attend the meeting of Presbytery in Bozeman, Montana, and left home in response to that invitation the latter part of January, reaching Bozeman at 3 o'clock on the 1st of February, in the morning. We had a delightful ride over that magnificent Northern Pacific Railroad which God is opening up so that the gospel may reach all and His name be glorified. I reached Bozeman and was met by friends who cared for me very tenderly, and afterwards I met the ladies and talked about this great work, and by way of encouragement I heard that a great revival was going on. I asked about it and learned that Mr. Stevenson, the devoted pastor who took charge there late in the summer and who brought with him a most devoted wife and missionary worker, was leading the revival. The first thing his wife did on coming there was to organize a foreign missionary society among the women, and a revival came with it. We think the Spirit of God came down and answered the prayers of the women. All during last summer there had been a continual revival; not only in the town but also at a little fort, Fort Ellis, a military station; and the church was filled Sabbath after Sabbath, and so many conversions were made that it would startle you to hear them, and that, too, among the soldiers, some of whom had been confirmed drunkards. The women worked as hard and faithfully as you can imagine, and besides all this they have just built a parsonage for their pastor with everything pleasant and home-like about it, and while I was there he was installed, and at the same time three elders were installed with him, and then we all communed together, and I felt that surely it was a great privilege to be there.

The second day after I reached there, I proposed to have a Presbyterial organization. It needed some little explanation before they really understood why and what it was, but as soon as they found out that it was to be a great help to them, they came forward and eagerly engaged in the labor. We formed a very strong and healthy organization, the "Presbyterial Society of Montana." There is but one Presbytery at present in Montana, but very soon there will be a separate synod. is now attached to Utah; it has been detached from Colorado. It is attached to Utah for the sake of convenience merely. This Presbyterial society therefore comprises a great extent of territory. Being there at that time I could see a great many representatives of the churches, and I chose my time well for the roads afterwards became so drifted that it would have been impossible for me to have made as many visits as I could have wished, to the churches. There is a fine Sunday School there, and we may expect to hear a good deal from Bozeman.

From Bozeman I went to Helena, where I found a wonderful number of earnest and devoted women. That is the kind of women they have all over that territory. I never saw such a set of women; they are picked women. The Lord has picked and sent them out there to accomplish this great work. At Helena, they had been very busy building a parsonage; it cost \$5,000 and the women worked and paid for it too. I found it somewhat difficult to get the people there interested in the work of Foreign Missions. "Home, home, home," how they rang the changes on that word wherever I went! yet as soon as their eyes were opened and I held up the "Mute Appeal" before them, the pastors and the people took hold readily and formed a very large Foreign Missionary Society among the women, and when they did get their minds stirred up and their hearts warmed, they came and put their names down as members, paid their dollar fee and subscribed to "Woman's Work for Woman." I organized there also a very large Sunday School band, and that is one of the most important and telling things we have to do; and in churches where I call and find women not ready to take hold of the work, I say: "Give me

the children." And when the children begin to work, the mothers must. I remained at Helena nearly ten days and had various interviews with the women, meeting them from day to day. They asked me many questions, and I think they are really very intelligent in the matter and desire to do faithfully what they have to do. The pastor of that church is a young man who has had unusual advantages, who graduated from College and was three years at the Theological Seminary at Edinborough. He brought back with him a little Scotch lassie for his wife, and she is thoroughly indoctrinated with the work. She is leading those women right forward, and doing it so modestly and quietly that it is a pleasure to watch her.

I have dwelt a little on the kind of people we have there that you may understand how Providence has been working I have never seen a finer body of ministers together than I did there at Bozeman; and I would say here, that it is the most suicidal thing that ever was done to send second, third, fourth and fifth rate men out to towns along that road. It just kills everything. If you cannot send a good man, don't send any. Send some good women, too.

Finally I left, after being detained a good while by the snow drifts, and went on most quietly and beautifully until we got thirty or forty miles from Bozeman, when all of a sudden we ran into a drift of snow so high that it broke the headlight of the engine; but it didn't hurt us a bit, and there we stayed fourteen hours, and I must say I never more heartily enjoyed fourteen hours in my life. The cars were pleasant, the dining cars well furnished, and I was perfectly happy because I knew that God was caring for us and would bring us through safely. I seemed to have left all care behind. At night it was very beautiful, and reclining in my berth and looking out of the window, I saw a magnificent display in the heavens. atmosphere was ethereal and the constellations came out grandly, Orion the mighty hunter, and the Pleiades with their sad, sweet influences; then going to sleep in my Father's arms, perfectly free from care, I rested till daylight, and saw that the stars had disappeared except the Morning Star and its attendant, and I

said involuntarily "The Morning Star sang out and all its attendants shouted for joy." And then there flashed down the heavens a brilliant meteor, and instantly the cars moved forward, quietly and evenly, convoyed by these heavenly guardians. We went through that place where but lately there was a mountain of snow, and proceeded on our journey without let or hindrance.

Miles City is a very important point on the road. The pastor there is an earnest, energetic, active man. I tell you, dear friends, that all the ministers I saw out there, appeared to be men who had in their very hearts this feeling: "Wo is me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ." And that is the kind of men they want up there. I remained in Miles City over Sunday, and organized a society. I found the ladies engaged in building a new church there. I never saw such women in my life to build parsonages and churches. It seems to be a sort of pastime to them. The church was very neat and pretty. There was to have been a representative from that society here to-day. I don't know whether she is in the house or not. She and her husband are on their way to General Assembly. are in earnest there. Their pastor preaches pure gospel to them, and I know we shall hear good news from there after a while. Miss Linnell I conferred with quite a while, so that she might aid in organizing societies, and as her brother is rather acting the part of a Sunday School missionary out there, he will help her very much. He told me the story of that woman, Mrs. Headley, who went out all alone with her husband on the Tongue river. They had no neighbors, but she felt that she must do something for Christ. She could not waste her whole life there, so she got on horseback and went all around to those different mining camps and spoke to the They had almost forgotten what Sunday was, and she "Cannot we meet together in the school house, and we will read the bible together, and we can sing together, and then can say the Lord's Prayer in concert. We can learn to regard the Sabbath day." And it was a great delight to them, and a great many gathered in to the meetings from miles around.

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Sunday Schools were organized, and that is the nucleus of what will one day be a Presbyterian church. "A woman took a little leaven and hid it in three measures of meal, and the whole loaf was leavened."

Leaving Miles City with regret, I came on to Dakota, to Mandan and Bismarck. In Mandan they needed sadly more help in the way of woman's work. The women are eager and earnest, but the pastor was an elderly man, and, unfortunately, he was never married; but we invited him into the meetings, and he took hold wonderfully. He seemed to feel that it was going to be a great help to him, and he said: "We will have to have monthly concerts for prayer." "Well, I should think you would," I said. "The women will keep you to work, now, I guess." He is a good man, but is a little behind the times in consequence of his lack of privileges.

I found at Bismarck a very good pastor, active societies and a Sunday School in good condition. It was a very cold day the day before, but the wonderful wind, the "Chenook," was blowing in all its strength, and the snow was melting away; and it made me think of the breath of the Spirit which should melt these hearts.

Then I went to some of the other churches, Castleton and Tower City. I found them rather weak, but thoroughly in earnest. They have formed societies, and I found some of the most godly women there I have ever met; women who have been tried as by fire and came out as pure gold.

I then went to Jamestown, and there too they had been building a parsonage. I think the home missionaries won't suffer around there for parsonages at least. Those women are such hard workers that I am told that the trustees of the church, whenever they get short of funds, go to the women to help them out. They were roused up to foreign work. I saw Mrs. Newell, whom many of you know, who is a Presbyterial Secretary of that Presbyterial Synod. She appointed the meeting at Jamestown, and it was blessed beyond all belief. Some women who had never taken any interest before showed such earnestness and learning, in their papers, that it was

wonderful. One woman began her paper in this way: "I have been asleep for twenty years, but God has waked me up." So with another woman, a sweet, lovely, gentle Christian, yet one who had not as yet opened her eyes. When she saw the "Mute Appeal," she said, "Let me work; here am I; take me, and do with me what you please."

Then I came on, and spent the Sabbath at Moorehead and Fargo. Mrs. Newell has collected around her a band of children, which she calls "The King's Children," and she manages to interest them all. She has got little gold badges for them, marked "The King's Children," which they wear with great pride. The children listen attentively to the exercises and take deep interest in them, and I feel that there is great hope for the church in that section of the country on account of this rousing up of the children.

This completed my visits, and on my way home I stopped to spend Sabbath with a son and his wife at Aiken. There was a Congregational minister here who found difficulty in getting his women to work. I met with them, and aroused them up so that they are going to work.

I have told you hurriedly what I have been doing, and I would like to tell you a great many more things, but it is impossible. I want to have you understand, however, that God has helped us to plant the banner of this Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest away out in Montana amid the peaks of the Rocky Mountains—and the field is rich for workers. They ask encouragement from you, and for your prayers. Take them into your hearts, pray for them earnestly, and God will bring us rich blessings; and I hope that you all will feel the greatest interest in this work, and will go home from this glorious meeting feeling that the Lord has called us to go in and possess the land and work for Him more vigorously than ever, and all this land will become Immanuel's land, and the daughters of the King shall possess it.

MRS. HELM.

You do not need any argument from me to convince you that Mrs. Van Cleve has been itinerating, and I will say that it

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is a matter for rejoicing that she didn't have Miss Anderson's mules when she got to that snow drift, or she wouldn't have reached home yet.

One thing that has especially impressed me during my itinerations, is the importance of the work among the young. You all know that this cause of missions is to be committed to the next generations, and the boys and girls of this, must be fitted for that responsibility. Christian men and women of to-day have a great work before them, and it is to just such a service as that, that I call every woman in this house to-day who will answer: "Here am I, use me."

"What are the qualifications of a leader?" somebody asks. I will just let the Master answer that question. "Lovest thou me dearly? Feed my lambs."

It means a whole-hearted, entire devotion to the Master's service. It means a patient continuance in well-doing, in season and out of season. It means a willingness to spend and be spent for Him who gave His life for us. It means a long continuing at the Mercy Seat, with all your doubts, difficulties and discouragements; and that there are just such women I know, because of the hundreds of questions coming from them of "How can we best do this work?" Now what I would say to some of you will be a thrice-told tale; and it will only be a hint at most. I do not know the best way for you. I remember a story of a woman who raised twelve children, and had done it so successfully and beautifully that people said to her, "What was your plan of work?" And she said, "No two of my children were alike, and I had a different plan for each one of them." There are many different plans, but first of all I wish that every woman who would offer herself as a leader, could be just as wise as that mother; that she would consider that her little missionary society of children is her family; that she must get personally acquainted with them, learn the likes and dislikes of those boys and girls; and every one of them has some kind of a talent, and it is your duty to find that talent and inquire into it; to visit them at their homes; to come in personal contact with them. If you find that they have a talent for

drawing maps, let them outline these maps distinctly on muslin and put the missionary stations, adjacent cities and important towns in, and let that map be used in the children's society and be rented to the monthly meetings of the missionary society, and let the child have the proceeds to put in the missionary fund. Or these maps may be made on manila paper and pasted on thin card board and sawed into different shapes to be used as puzzles for the amusement of the children in putting together; and let them understand that the places on these maps are just as much of a reality as Milwaukee or Chicago. Let those who have a talent for drawing, draw illustrations of the dress of people; bring these illustrations up and place them before the society; then let those who are interested in such things learn about the manners and customs of people. If any have a fondness for travel, let them read books of travel of missionaries and the explorations of missionaries. If they love biography, let them read the lives of the greatest heroes and heroines that the world ever knew, and let them learn from them that they can make their own lives sublime. If they are fond of statistics, give them these astonishing figures. If they have a gift for song, organize a little choir in the missionary society that may lead the singing. There are multitudes of ways that will suggest themselves to you, and which I have not mentioned, but do find out what the children like to do, and set them to work. This, then, is work for their heads.

What about the work for their hands? I would go to all the boys and girls and say, come to a certain woman's house, a woman so devoted a Christian that she will take joyfully even the spoiling of her goods for Christ's sake; and when you have them all there, tell them first of all what a sweet thing it is to thank the Master, and ask his guidance. Sing some joyful, glad song that they can all sing; and then tell them about that love which passeth knowledge, and what a blessing it is to live in this land where everybody can have the privilege of hearing the name of Jesus, and what the Gospel has done for them, and then tell them of those untold millions and millions of children over there. Tell them the story of their degradation

and their lost condition without Christ, and tell them there is a work for them to do. If you could just look into the faces of the boys and girls, and see them just beaming with ambition for work, you would want to be a leader. Then ask them to come just a week from that day; and before they go, be sure to give them something to eat; and let every one of them come with a carefully prepared plan of work for themselves. Call the roll and let every boy and girl tell just exactly what thing they can do to earn some money to send this Gospel to those children not so favored as they are. Then there will be some children too timid to talk, and who will not be ready devisers. Tell them the story of the wonderful laying qualities of the missionary hen, and the different ways of earning money.

I have been thinking about the beautiful results that there could be in this broad North-west; there are beautiful summer resorts without number, and near all these places are woods just abounding in wild flowers; and I have thought how the boys and girls could gather those wild flowers, and make them into bouquets to sell to the visitors, and how the story of that missionary society, and the love and devotion of its members, and those flowers in that invalid room, would spread abroad, and what a bounteous harvest would there be. I remember a story of a young girl who had become so ill that they said she could never leave her room again. And the thought came to her of the time she had spent in gathering flowers, a time never to come again. But, she thought, "I could get Bessie, the washwoman's daughter, to gather the flowers, and pay her for them, and could get her to sell them at the hotel;" and who could tell the light and sunshine that streamed into the sickroom, and of the many dollars that found their way into that treasury of missions that year from that labor of love. That is some of the work. Now I cannot stop to tell you much more. I had much to tell, but the time is too short. I want to say to the leader, one thing, and that is, to have in the missionary work a missionary paper. Call the paper "The Missionary Review," if you will. Be Editor-in-Chief yourself, appoint two girls and two boys to assist you; let them act as

reporters, and if they are very, very good, they may some time grow up to be newspaper reporters like the gentlemen at the tables here. Let them get selected poems or original articles, if they can, and suitable articles of all kinds, and bring them to be put into that paper. Let the cover of that paper be embellished by those children who have a taste for art. You may get a few select advertisements, and let them be paid for, and let that money find its way into the treasury, and let this missionary paper be read in the society and circulated in the families; and note how much pride fathers and mothers will take in their young editors.

Then I hope that the leader will not put all the responsibility of this work on the children; that once in a while she will take them off on imaginary journeys to heathen lands, and go right into the home of the missionary with them. Just follow Mrs. Van Hook, if you please, on her journey, and tell them what Mrs. Van Hook has so vividly pictured. Let them go to Mrs. Shedd's house and see her home. Let them learn the names of the missionaries; and when you have told them about these things, every one of you pray. Teach them the most important lesson of all, and that is prayer. You have heard so much about it; let that be the foundation of the work every time. Teach them to say, "God bless my father and mother and the missionaries who are doing such a noble work." That is work for the heart. Let them get so full of it that it won't be work that will last for a day but for all time. they must have food for that work. There is the "Foreign Missionary," "Woman's Work for Woman," and "Children's Work for Children." I would advise you to district your town, and to send boys and girls out as canvassers. I would recommend you to pay them a percentage on subscriptions they get for those magazines, and that shall be their missionary money. Try that scheme, and we will have our subscribers increased tenfold before another annual meeting. I hold in my hand another thing which I think will be a great inducement to those children. In the first place here is a constitution, which I regard as a model, gotten up by the Children's Missionary

Society of Lake Forest, and I hope it will be printed. In that constitution is an article which says that every boy and girl can become a member of that society; if they want to become a life member they can become so by paying \$5; and anybody outside of that society can become an honorary member on payment of \$10, and they have this little certificate which I show you. It is not printed, but it is the work of some loving hand. It reads:

"STEADY STREAMS.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF LAKE FOREST.

—has been elected an HONORARY

LIFE MEMBER of the Society, in consideration of an offering made of ten dollars."

[Then follow the names of the officers.]

In conclusion I would ask you to consider the millions of children, and whether you will not teach them to say

"AND LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, COME."

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING. .

An invitation having been extended to the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, from the united societies of Calvary and Immanuel Churches of Milwaukee, five hundred delegates responded to the call one beautiful April day, bringing with them warm hearts and earnest prayers for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Was it possible that the fountain of missionary inspiration should be so large and full that every one might drink?

Tuesday evening, being an introductory service, found Immanuel church filled with delegates and citizens of both sexes, in eager expectation, feeling they were in the presence of the King, and his glory would be made manifest.

The names of the States composing the Board of the Northwest on one side of the church, and over against them the mission countries, was an inspiration in itself. What could so few do for so many? We shall see.

Mr. Freeman, the pastor of the church, himself the son of a martyred missionary, opened the services with prayer, and in a few well-chosen words gave a cordial welcome to the delegates, and then introduced, one after another, the speakers of the evening, Mr. Keihle, of Calvary church, Mr. McPherson, of Chicago, and Mr. Mitchell, of Cleveland. Led by such minds, the audience was made to feel that missionary work paid in every respect.

An increase of commerce appealed to the man who wished only to increase his wealth. Explorations of new countries with all the attendant knowledge, to the geographer and scientific man; but the spread of the gospel, with healing on its wings, to the Christian man.

Wednesday morning the opening services were conducted by Mrs. Douglass of Chicago. Mrs. Hoge then introduced Mrs.

J. H. Warner, of Milwaukee, who brought words of welcome from full hearts, and a response was given by Mrs. Perrine, of Omaha, from hearts just as full.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, after which Mrs. Hoge gave us her Annual Address, full of strength and courage, and then the representatives from sister societies brought their greetings.

The climax of the morning, however, was reached when Miss Anderson, of China, and Miss Cundall, of Syria, told us in thrilling words of their personal work in those countries. Both these ladies had been obliged to return to this country, on account of ill-health. Miss Anderson, in closing an intensely interesting address, said, she hardly dared to advise any young lady to take upon herself the labors of a missionary life; but she never regretted for a moment that she had done so, and the letters she was continually receiving from her field of labor, were like the scent of battle to an old war-horse!

Miss Cundall was interrupted by a call from the lunch committee, and had not punctuality been a *settled necessity* in the meetings of the Board, we should have considered it a very severe intrusion.

Promptly at two o'clock we again assembled, and after singing and prayer, listened to the reports of the Home and Foreign Secretaries; they were filled with interesting thoughts and facts, and are worthy a careful study. Mrs. Herrick Johnson then read her beautiful poem, "What the Spirit said unto the churches," which had been crowded out from the morning exercises. We are learning to depend much upon Mrs. Johnson for the poetry of mission work, but the music comes from almost every one, and was one of the lovely features of the meetings.

It is seldom we find the-salaried choirs of our churches so interested that they are always ready, at every meeting, to lead with their sweet voices, the congregation, but it was so in this case, and was a delight to all.

Miss Carey, a dear young missionary from Persia, came before us, and in a gentle manner, told us of the "Land of the Sun," till even in the sunlight of the name, our hearts were saddened at the ignorance and degradation.

Mrs. Harvie closed the exercise of the afternoon, by an appeal to each one to work, as we were bidden by the Spirit.

Wednesday evening was especially devoted to the young people, but interested a large audience of young and old. Mr. Campbell, of the Gaboon mission, related many interesting facts concerning the climate and natural features of Africa, and the animals and people, which threw much light upon that "benighted country," proving it much more pleasant as a missionary country than we had ever supposed.

An object lesson under the charge of Miss Cundall, was the feature of the evening. America in the stars and strips, seated on the throne, surrounded by people from every nation, in their national costume, and all uniting in singing "The light of the world is Jesus," made us look forward to the time when all nations should be gathered together under one King.

Thursday morning the chapel was filled for the usual devotional meeting, and many drank deeply from the full fountain of life. These are always precious seasons in our gatherings, and live long in our memories.

The work of the day, commencing at ten o'clock, was entered upon by the reports from the Synodical Secretaries. To enjoy this, one needs to have thought and worked much for the cause, as statistics so largely make up these reports; each year these are listened to with increasing interest, and we are coming to be intelligent workers. As we progress how can it be otherwise? We followed dear Mrs. Van Hook with delight, who told us so much of the real work of missionaries, and our hearts warmed towards her field of labor. It is well these dear missionaries have such a friend in Jesus, when they are so far separated from earthly friends.

At Mrs. Rhea's request, Miss Cundall repeated the Moslem call to prayer, which she had so perfectly succeeded in catching. It thrilled every one, and we wondered if its spell could soon be broken.

The strength and earnest zeal of Mrs. Van Cleve roused us as she told of her extended work in forming missionary societies in the far north and west. How can blessings fail to attend such self-denying labor? Here we are almost at the end. When Mrs. Helm instructed the young societies, we wondered what there was left for Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Stuart to say. As you read their papers you will find there was very much which was new and helpful, even as the old, old story is ever new and strengthening.

To conclude, Mrs. Hoge introduced Mrs. Farwell, the Treasurer, with the announcement that she had kept her own counsel, and no one present knew the figures. We were breathless with expectation; and the sum total was announced as \$66,000, in round numbers. Of course our hearts went out with full voices into our grand doxology. Have we accomplished anything during these past thirteen years? Let each one sum up the pro's and con's of all the work and money, and answer for herself.

The same officers were elected for the ensuing year, and thankful hearts vied with each other in expressing gratitude to the delegates for coming to us, and to the citizens of Milwaukee for their unbounded hospitality; and, after some farewell words by the pastor, we adjourned to meet April, 1885, in 2nd Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

This sketch must not end, however, without mention of the evening reception, where those who had been listeners only in the various sessions met together for social converse and pleasant greetings, with those who had been so engaged on the platform, as well as with one another.

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES.

BY MRS. HERRICK JOHNSON.

The epistles to the seven churches, though full of poetic beauty on the very surface, require close and careful study to bring out the depth and wonderful significance of all the

allusion and imagery employed. A merely casual reading gives no idea of the singular unity of all the parts, and of the exquisite adaptation of announcement, rebuke, praise and promise to the condition of each separate church. instance, with Smyrna, the martyr-church, giving up life for the truth, to them is the promise of the crown of life. To Pergamos, holding fast truth in doctrine, but inclined to worldly compromise in practice, is the promise of the hidden manna in place of the idol feasts—an allusion to the pot of manna hidden in the ark in the Holy of Holies. Ephesus holds the faith, but is lacking in love. Thyatira is warm and loving, but corrupts doctrine. To Sardis, dead with sleep, Christ will come as a thief in the night. And curiously, Philadelphia is the missionary church, before whom is set the open door of the world, as reward for her constancy, and upon whom is written the wonderful triune name. And Laodicea, most sharply rebuked of all, has also the most tender and beautiful promises, reminding one of the parable of the prodigal son.

To us, from and through these epistles, come the most solemn of warnings, the most appreciative of praises, and the most loving of promises.

To the churches, grace, mercy and peace!

Lo, the vision and day of the Lord!

Let the vain earth-voices their striving cease,

At His all-revealing Word.

Behold, He cometh with clouds, And they that pierced Him shall see; Nor veil of tent or of temple enshrouds The presence no creature can flee.

With glory now compassed about, In sevenfold splendor of light, Mid the golden lamps, moving in and out, Majestic He walks is His might.

His head and His hairs are as snow; His eyes as a flery flame; His feet, as fine brass in a furnace, glow, And a sword doth dominion proclaim. A King by the girdle's sign,
A Priest, by the vesture, He;
While His voice with the might of a trumpet breaks
Thro' the hush of the sunlit sea.

And behold, at that awful word,
In myst'ry of star and of flame,
In solemn recital, the church of the Lord
Stands forth in a sevenfold name.
Each name by its ministrant star,
Is held in His pierced right hand;
Unto each, as only and true avatar,
He comes with rebuke and command.

To Ephesus, faithful yet cold, To Smyrna, sealed even with blood, To Pergamos, fearless in Satan's stronghold. Where iniquity sweeps like a flood; Thyatira, strong, warm, yet corrupt, To Sardis, unwatchful and dead. To true Philadelphia, little in strength, Yet constant where many have fled: To Laodicea the proud, Poor, blind, and knowing it not; To the churches all, in astonishment bowed, Where each shall stand in her lot! Who hath ears, let him hear what He saith, For He cometh; the day is at hand! Strengthen every defense, and endure unto death, For ev'n now at the door doth He stand!

But that island of vision still lies
On the breast of the sunlit sea,
Nor thunders now tremble, nor voices arise,
Nor any that answer there be.
The churches lie barren and dead
Where the prophet their record hath sealed,
The books have been closed and their judgment is read,
In sentence or promise revealed.

Yet to-day from these far years, From that long-past strife, Ceaselessly repeating it, Throbs the church's life. Christ among his golden lamps,
Walketh here to-day!
Sardis, Smyrna, Ephesus,
What hast thou to say?
Still that tender, mighty voice,
Calleth each by name,
Here to sorrow, there rejoice,
In his praise or blame,
Quenched or burning, answer now,
Question of thy Lord.
Loving, faithful, earnest, true,
Thou hast great reward!
Sunk in sleep, corruption, ease,
Heed this solemn word!

Oh Ephesus, faithful yet cold, Where art thou, at voice of thy Lord? The patience and toil He hath tenderly told. And thy fearless defense of His Word. But alas, for thy glowing first love! The grace of all graces is dim! He standeth without, and his voice cannot move His Beloved to open to Him. Thou forsakest the gardens of old, Where once mid the lilies He fed: Oh remember, return, ere thy star from His hold Shall be cast, and thy light shall be fled. Lo, he that hath ears, let him hear! Unto him that shall thus overcome. Shall the gift of the lost Eden-tree reappear, In the glory of Paradise-bloom.

Oh Smyrna, sweet myrrh for thy Lord,
The Living One calleth for thee!
In deep tribulation, by prison and sword,
Thou sifted of Satan must be.
Yet He knoweth the way thou dost take,
Thou dove in the fowler's fell snare;
Accounting not dear even life, for His sake,
Life's kingliest crown thou shalt wear.

Thou, Pergamos, holding Christ's name, Where Satan hath power and throne, Thou keepest the faith, yet not without blame, The world's easy sanctions hast known. Repent thee, and strive for the gift
That shall crown such recovering grace,
The wilderness secrets, their veil shall uplift,
Thou shalt enter the holiest place.
And for feasts of idolatrous ease,
Shall be sacrament—secret of love,
And the shining white stone, with the name of His peace,
Is God's secret—all secrets above.

Thyatira, thy service and love,
Thy patience and faith are approved,
Yet thou keepest not truth as pure from above,
And false teachers thou hast not removed.
Behold, He searcheth the heart;
Repent and stand fast till He come;
Then with symbols of royalty, sceptre and star,
He giveth thee power and throne.

Oh, Sardis, dear Sardis, arise! What word hath the Master for thee? Consumed in the seven-fold flame of His eyes, Thy name and thy service shall be, Praised falsely of men, as alive, Thou art but dead refuge of lies; Except thou repent and remember and strive. Thou shalt waken to awful surprise. Yet even in Sardis-oh word Of surpassing and tender content— He hath found a few names, hidden ones of the Lord, With garments unsullied, unrent. Out of Sardis, ev'n Sardis, His child He will own in the presence divine; O'er the white robes of grace, by the world undefiled, Whitest raiment of glory shall shine.

Behold now the Holy and True,
Who alone hath the Paradise key,
Thy works, Philadelphia, hath in review,
Finding faultless thy constancy.
Thou little one, loving and pure,
Thou hast thy peculiar reward;
To thee, He hath opened the wonderful door
That gives thee the world for thy Lord!
Thrice blessed and happy art thou!

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Thine, thine is the mission most high!

At thy conquering feet, shall God's Israel bow, And worship whom now they deny. Lo, quickly He cometh! Hold fast Thy patience, thy love and thy crown; When the hour of temptation shall be overpast He shall number and gather His own.

In that city, whose temple is God,
Thy pillars of beauty shall stand;
Thro' measureless ages they safe shall abide
In the blessed Jerusalem-land.
And such birthright of grace to proclaim,
On them graved of the King's own hand,
His God's, His City's, His own new name,
In mysterious trinity stand.

And then once again, comes the word Of solemn and chastening love. Oh Laodicean, thy boast He hath heard, Thy works to reject and reprove.

Thou sittest at ease, as of old,
Complacent in riches and pride,
Neither fervent with love, nor with enmity cold;
Thou dost thus, condemnation abide.

Poor, wretched, and naked and blind,
He deigneth to counsel with thee;
Tried gold, and white raiment and vision divine,
He offers with tenderest plea.

With infinite longing of love,
He stoopeth to suppliant place;
If to open the portal, thy heart He can move,
He will enter with Eucharist grace.

Then glory, all'glory above!

The saints and their Lord are made one!

With her warfare accomplished the Bride of His love,
Sitteth down with the Lamb on His throne!

And after these wonders, behold,
"A door was opened in Heaven,"
And great alleluias of victory rolled
Thro' the host of the much-forgiven.

The voice of God's thunders broke forth,
The voice of great waters swelled high,
All kindreds and peoples, and nations and tongues,
Were joined in one jubilant cry!
Alleluia! all blessing and praise
Be unto the Lamb that was slain,
For His marriage hath come, and the Bride of His grace,
Is faultless of blemish or stain!
Now glory and riches and might,
All wisdom and blessing again!
Praise ye Him in the depth, praise His name in the height,
Allelulia forever, Amen!

"WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT."

MRS. J. HARVIE.

We are, to-day, enjoying a wonderful Missionary Feast. The rich wine of the love of God is flowing in abundance. Immanuel Church, in the beautiful city of Milwaukee, on this, the twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, is, to us, truly the house of God, and the gate of Heaven. In treading its courts, we walk in the land of Beulah. The air is very clear and pure, so much so, that we can almost distinguish, without the aid of a glass, the outline of the Heavenly City, its streets of gold, and its pearly gates; we can almost hear the rustle of angelic wings, and catch the refrain of celestial songs. Many, perhaps most of us, would gladly linger, like Peter, James and John, on this Mount of Privilege, feeling that it is good for us to be here, and that our communion is but the foretaste of sweeter, purer fellowship in the city, where "the Lord God Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple of it."

"And if our fellowship below,
In Jesus be so sweet;
What heights of rapture shall we know,
When round his throne we meet."

But there is work for us still to do. The evil spirits of paganism, superstition and ignorance must be cast out, and

before girding on our armor afresh for the task, the Master has somewhat to say unto us. In the words which the gentle Mary, the mother of our Lord, whispered in the ears of the wandering servants, at the Galilean Marriage, we solemnly charge you, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." What does the Master say unto us, as missionary women? "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Bring in "the tithes," of a more perfect consecration. the bustle and confusion of our endless activities, our anxieties about training and qualifications for work, the earnest appeal of the great Foreign Missionary, has fallen unheeded on our ears.—"I beseach you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Or having heard it, we have failed to understand the import of the charge, and have thought it sufficient to present or set ourselves apart for service in a general way, forgetting that we need the consecrating touch of our great High Priest. He, Himself, must set us, body, soul and spirit, apart for service. Without this consecration, we are but unlighted candles, dark in ourselves, radiating none of the glory of the divine nature, or, as Phillips Brooks beautifully puts it, we are but silver lamps, wrought with wondrous skill, and filled with rarest oil, but untouched with fire. It is not surprising therefore, that, ofttimes we have experienced failure and defeat; the wonder is, how such grand results have been achieved by our feeble efforts. Had we been fully, completely consecrated, we might have brought, to-day, many sheaves, from the great harvest field of the world, to lay at our Master's feet.

Let us go to the temple, and see what a man, glorified by the divine fire, will say and do. It is in the year that King Uzziah died, "the Lord appeared, sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it, stood the seraphims, each with six wings, and they cried, one to another, and said,

Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of Him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke." But, see yonder man, with his face in the dust, crying: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah realized his unfitness for the King's work, his unfitness to carry even the King's message. What is to be done? Shall one of the seraphims be sent with the message to the Lord's people? One of the seraphims is sent, not to do the work, however, but, to prepare the man with the unclean lips. Then, flew one of the seraphims, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said: Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. And the consecrated prophet, heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Do we wonder that he replied,—Here am I, send me. Fly! Fly! oh seraphim, and with living coals from off the altar, touch the lips of these missionary women, ere they leave this temple, that they may be quick, during the coming year, to do the Lord's messages, ready to do the Lord's work. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Bring in "the tithes" of prayer. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." These commands have been overlooked in our eagerness to disciple all nations, and in our vanity and importance, we have thought, that the evangelization of the world depended upon our puny efforts, forgetting that some must work, and all must pray, and that work without prayer, is worse than fruitless, as far as we are concerned. As in the presence of God, the searcher of hearts, let us each ask ourselves at this moment: How have I observed the Hour of Prayer, during the past year? Have I even occupied five minutes of it, regularly, in praying for the Lord's

Kingdom to come? Or, if I have remembered my tryst, how often has it been with a cold and careless heart? Oh! if this continent had been girded with earnest, faithful, importunate prayer, every Lord's Day, between the hours of five and six in the evening, our eyes would have beheld, even this year, wonderful conquests for our King.

With our dim vision, and looking, as we do, on the reverse side of God's great plan for the conversion of the world, we can have no adequate conception of the power of prayer. More than one hundred years ago, a poor woman in England had a son. The world knew but little of her, but like every true mother, she besought the Lord earnestly for his conversion. These pleadings were unanswered, the boy grew to be a man, and almost broke his mother's heart by his dissipation and profanity. He engaged in the slave trade on the coast of Africa, and became a leader among abandoned and reckless men. At last, after weary years of waiting, the mother's ceaseless prayers were heard; the man was converted, and became one of the most eminent ministers in London, the Rev. John Newton. John Newton was the instrument in God's hand of bringing to the Lord Jesus, Thomas Scott, the skeptic, afterwards the distinguished writer of the commentary on the Bible. In the parish of Dr. Scott was a young man of the most delicate sensibilities, a poet, and, at times, a sorrowful, despairing man. After long and repeated efforts, Dr. Scott was enabled to dispel this gloom, and to lead him into the true light. This young man was William Cowper, the Christian poet, whose beautiful hymns have touched the hearts of hundreds of sinners, and led them to Jesus, to the

> "Fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins."

Among others whom Cowper led to the fountain, was William Wilberforce, the philanthropist, who gave the death-blow to the slave trade in Britain. William Wilberforce was the means of the conversion of Leigh Richmond, the author of the "Dairyman's Daughter," than which no other book, save God's word itself, and, perhaps, the "Pilgrim's Progress," has been

more successful in the conversion of sinners and the building up of God's people. All this indescribable amount of good, says the Rev. Dorus Clark, who gives us the above facts—which will be redoubled and reduplicated through all time—can be traced to the prayers of John Newton's mother, a humble, unheralded woman, whose history is almost unknown.

Who may tell how much of the courage, the endurance, the energy, the power displayed by our missionaries in the field, have been the result of the sincere and earnest prayers of quiet, retiring women, whose faces, perhaps, have never been seen at these annual gatherings. The prayers of the individual members of our auxiliaries are like golden threads, which, woven together make a strong cord, and this, where seas roar and billows rise, fastens, as with adamant, our missionaries to the rock of their strength. Let the Presbyterian women of the Northwest ceaselessly cry, during the coming year, "How long, O Lord, holy and true." "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly." The word of the Lord to us, to-day, is, continue in prayer, and "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Bring in "the tithes" of time. What does this Board need at this hour, perhaps more than anything else, for its growth and prosperity? Women—noble, spiritual, missionary women of large executive ability, and with but few household cares, to give time to the work of organization, and the strengthening of weak societies. These women are among us; let them come forward and consecrate the time, erewhile given to fashion, to society, to selfish amusements and pleasures, to the God of missions for His work. Time, precious time! Lord, our God, forgive us for the wasted moments, hours and days of our lives. But some one will say "I could give the time, and there the matter must end; I could never speak or pray. Why I would most likely forget the hinging words in my sentences." Jeremiah was but a child and could not speak, but the Lord put forth his hand and touched his mouth, and whatsoever was commanded him, that he uttered. The Lord speaks to you missionary women, "Say not that I am a child; for thou shalt

go to all that I send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Bring in "the tithes" of sympathy. I was almost amused a few days ago, in attending a representative meeting of Christian workers, to observe that a committee was formed for the purpose of extending sympathy to the workers within a given area. The Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest. should constitute itself a committee for the purpose of extending sympathy to weary, discouraged workers in the foreign field. Let individual members of the various auxiliaries, write them letters, without any thought of answers, send them newspapers, pamphlets, books, and boxes of useful and necessary articles for their work. And do not be afraid to drop a tear for the woes of the heathen world. "Oh! that my head were waters, and mine eves a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughters of my people." Talmage describes the tears of God's people as being transmuted into precious, dazzling, golden gems for the adornment of the throne of God. "Rivers of waters run down mine eves, because they keep not thy law." "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh, and that cry, for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said, in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; slay utterly, old and young, both maids and little children and women, but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary." "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Bring in "the tithes" of money. The present is a luxurious age. We surround and fill our homes with all that is rare in workmanship, delightsome in nature, exquisite in coloring, graceful in drapery and costly in equipage. We clothe our persons in costly fabrics, wrought after strange and curious models. True, we believe, God means us, as women, to make both our homes and our persons as beautiful as may be, but He does not mean us to dwarf our souls thereby, or to be satisfied until we awake in His likeness. Much of the giving of to-day

is worthless, because we give only from our abundance. Come to the Temple of Jerusalem for an example of true giving. is the time of the passover, and thousands of wealthy Jews are congregated in the city, and are pouring their gifts into the treasury. The Lord of heaven and earth sits with his disciples over against the treasury, and, as the rich cast in much money, he watches, but says nothing. A poor widow approaches and humbly casts in two mites, which make a farthing. And the Lord speaks, then, saving: "Verily, I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." We need to give unto the Lord not only some of our luxuries and comforts, but the very necessaries of our lives. The sin of the Christian church to-day is selfishness. Let this be a year of self-denial for the women of the Northwest, and let them pour the results of it into the missionary box. Joseph Parker puts the duty of self-denial strongly when he says: You must either deny the body or the soul. Deny the body and the soul comes to the front, and floods the life with light with heaven's own splendor. Deny the soul and it retires, weeping hot tears before God. Self-slaughter takes place somewhere, and it is for us to say where. "Crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts," then shall the whole earth be speedily filled with the glory of the Lord. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Bring to God, for this mission work, your talents and opportunities. "And unto one he gave ten talents; to another five; to another one; and straightway the Master took his journey into a far country." One, can sing with melodious voice; another writes with a facile pen; a third reads or recites with feeling and expression; a fourth possesses the golden tongue of eloquence; a fifth has energy and fire; a sixth enthusiasm, and a seventh good, sound, common sense, and so on ad infinitum. Pour all these gifts into the Lord's treasury, and out of it will come forth a perfect missionary meeting, which, with magnetic power, will draw from their homes, their duties,

their cares and their pleasures monthly, the women of the churches. Opportunities are about us, on every hand, and she is a wise woman who sees and catches them ere they are fled forever. In an artist's studio in Rome, may be seen a strange figure. It is a small statue, having the semblance of a man. Wings are attached to the feet, and the features are hidden by streaming hair. The artist explains that the figure is a representation of opportunity. The face is hidden because we so seldom see him, when he presents himself, and the wings attached to his heels, because he is so speedily gone. If it were possible for us to feel regret, or to weep in the heavenly home, it would be for our lost opportunities. "Go work to-day in my vineyard." "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Bring to God, yourselves, for this mission work. Truly, our hearts have been touched at this meeting, as we have beheld these returned missionaries, intelligent, cultured, lovely women, who have given up home and friends, and have gone forth to the high places of the field, heralds of the Cross of Christ. They are with us to-day, broken down in body, but strong and God grant that they may prosper and be in fearless in spirit. health, even as their souls prosper. But, are there not others, to whom the Saviour tenderly speaks to-day, saying: Mary! Mary! Go tell that I am risen. Go to that daughter of Islam, dying in the midst of filth and vermin, in her cheerless Zenana, without God, and without hope. Go to the wilds of our own land, to the daughters of the forest, and the prairie. Let the story of redeeming love, be told by your lips, from "Greenland's icy mountains to Afric's sunny fountains," and from thence to "India's coral strand," from the rivers even unto the ends of the earth. "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

With reverence, we say to the mothers present here, give your *children* to God for the foreign mission work. True, you may not look upon their faces again, their dust may rest far distant in the Orient, or they may return, physically broken down, but what matters it? they can never on this earth, or

even in this wide universe, be outside the sheltering care of God, and when the final trump shall sound, our dead shall be gathered from the four quarters of the round globe. We cannot go ourselves; let us feel honored, that our sons and our daughters may be chosen vessels, to bear the name of our God, before the Gentiles and Kings, and the children of Israel. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

In closing, we say, that the voice of the Lord to this Board, is: Go forward, through the sea of paganism. Go forward, through ignorance and superstition abroad. Go forward through coldness, selfishness and formality at home, until the fruit of the "handful of corn, in the earth upon the top of the mountains, shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth."

"WOMAN'S SPECIALTY IN MISSIONS."

MRS. DR. MARSH.

That chord in our hearts, which vibrates in response to thoughts expressed at such meetings as this, is one which once in every one of us lay dormant, and was aroused only by the Spirit of God. Is it not true that to each one, who heartily engages in this work, there was a time when Foreign Missions was an old story, and that there also came a time, when the importance of this work, and her own personal relations to it, burst upon her as a surprise, and then the "old story" of Foreign Missions became new. It is an old story that twothirds of all the people on the earth are heathen; it is a new story that I am, in a measure, responsible if they remain so. It is an old story to hear the prayer offered that the doors might be opened; it is a new story that the doors are opened, so that the gospel may be freely carried to all parts of the earth, and yet millions of Satan's captives lie bound in their dark dungeons of ignorance and superstition, waiting for me to do my share to release them. It is an old story that missionaries must carry the tidings of salvation; it comes with startling

newness that I must go, or send my substitute. The old story was that the seed was being sown with prayers and tears; the new story is that the fields are "white to the harvest," that the Master's ripened grain ungathered, is falling to the ground, that Satan with his minions, infidelity, skepticism and catholicism, is gathering in his garner, the fruit which belongs to the Lord of the harvest, because I, the Lord's servant, have stood "here all the day idle."

It is an old story that this is the work of the church; it becomes new when I find that it is my work. In a children's missionary meeting the question was asked, "Did you ever see a blind man?" After a pause a little fellow called out, "I knew a boy who had a brother that was so blind he couldn't speak a word." The laugh which followed this announcement served to impress it upon the mind of one young lady in that audience. and, in the talk upon heathen women which followed, she found that she had been blind to their condition-so blind that she had never spoken a word for them. The opening of her eyes unsealed her lips, and she uttered the words, "Lord, send me." In response to such prayers, caused by the opening of the eyes of Christian women, the Lord has given to woman her specialty in mission work, namely, the sending of the glad tidings of salvation to heathen women, to those who can be reached only by women, and upon whom falls the bitterness of the darkness of heathenism. Surely no effort is needed to convince any, of the advantage and superior efficiency of a specialty in any department of science or labor. We have only to point to the specialist, either individual or corporation, either professional, scientist or artisan, as an unanswerable argument. There is a distinction to be made between the missionary work of the church and women's missionary work. The great missionary operations of the church claim the sympathy and co-operation of every member of the Lord's family.

Woman has not been unmindful, in the past, to do her part to obey the last command of her Savior, and her special work does not excuse her from her share in all the work of the church. She has a duty as a member of the church of God equal to that of every other member. She has also a duty as a woman. In these latter days God has given to woman a new revelation. It has been revealed to her that of half the houses in the world the doors are closed to men, but joyfully opened to the woman, who brings the glad tidings of salvation. Behind these closed doors she has seen a picture of degradation and vice, of misery and despair, of unquestioning submission to slavery and wrong, which has no parallel in our experience, and which words can but poorly describe. Many, even in Christian lands, who reject the gospel, we call heathenish, because we can compare them to nothing so pitiful as a true heathen. But how can we, born and living under the highest type of gospel blessing, bring our minds to realize what it is to be a heathen. To have no conscience, no moral code, no God, no Savior, no hope? But although we cannot grasp the full extent of the miseries of these prison homes, which are the strongholds of heathenism, the cry of their inmates has come up to us.

"From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand, Where Afric's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sand; From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain;"

Even from our own western shores, gathering in volume as it crosses our broad prairies, made up of all languages and tongues, it breaks upon our ears one wail of misery. We have begun to realize that this cry comes from those who are our sisters, for whom the Savior paid as high a ransom as for us. We see them dying for lack of the means which we have lavished upon ourselves, and we say this is woman's work. I will carry it with me into my closet, into my family, into my personal expenditures, and into my whole religious life.

We have the authority of Joseph Cook, for the statement that of the 600,000,000 of heathen women now living, 80,000,000 are confined in zenanas and harems. But, the responsibility comes still nearer home, for, of this 80,000,000, 50,000,000 (as many as the whole population of our country), are within the

bounds of the work allotted to the Presbyterian church, and are the stewardship of the women of our church. No other provision is made for them, than what we make. They have not those among them who will rise up to speak and plead for them: deliverance must come from abroad. The institutions of those countries, never could produce a liberator. What can the obtuse, inverted and perverted notions which prevail in all heathen lands, regarding women, bring forth but a long succession of despicably selfish and sensual men, on the one hand, and imbecile, crushed and helpless women on the other? From us, the Christian women of the church, must come the only help to these millions of heathen women who belong to our generation. Theirs was the cry which aroused woman. This, the revelation which opened her eyes and her heart responded to the thrilling appeal. By this special call, she has been nerved to put forth almost superhuman effort. In the twenty years of her special work, she has given six millions of dollars to carry it forward, and this out of her own limited resources, and without detracting from the revenues of the church. But, the crowning glory of woman's effort, is the plan of organization which she originated for this special service. This has been effected by women devoted to this cause, through years of hard and unpaid labor.

Missionaries have been sent into the fields thousands of miles from home, relying for support and sympathy upon the faithfulness of these organizations to their original conception and plan. This burden which woman has assumed, she is bound to sustain to the utmost of her ability. She cannot afford any abatement of interest among the women of the churches in this her special work. According to the gospel standard there can be no call of equal importance. In the nature of things there can be no other work like this. In the beginning of it grave fears were entertained and freely expressed by the fathers of the church, lest woman, through her inexperience, should undertake a work which she could not perform. Lest the many appeals to her sympathies should divert her from her special object, and leave her chosen task to be an unexpected burden on the church. But the practicability of this effort is

established by its assured success, and out of this comes her inspiration to pursue it. By faith, she sees in this the sign of the seal of God's approbation, and with fresh courage and renewed dependence upon Him, she determines to go forward to possess the land which He is opening so widely and so invitingly before her. But lest a generation should arise who knew not Mrs. Doremus, woman must appeal to the pastors and fathers of the church to protect her in the prosecution of this special work, which, under their direction, she has begun. She must earnestly entreat them to see to it that the fountains upon which she depends for her supplies, shall not be embittered nor turned into other channels for the general work of the church. Woman has not undertaken this work that men may shield themselves behind the faithfulness of their wives, enjoy her literary programmes, report the financial proceeds and congratulate themselves upon this substitution plan. is not the channel for the general work of the church. charm and strength of woman's organizations throughout the church is their single object and aim. No side issues can be introduced into this work without marring its beauty and weakening its force. The tithes are not to be paid into this treasury. None but beaten oil should be poured upon this altar. When you have paid your quarter for an elegant supper in the church parlors, do not suppose that you shall receive credit for that money as given to the Lord. Some women have earned that money by hard and unaccustomed labor, and it is theirs to present it a sanctified gift. The monthly offering of the fruit of self-denial, the thank-offerings of special occasions, the memorials of glad or sorrowful anniversaries, the results of special service; these are the ointment that should fill this alabaster box which woman breaks upon the Savior's feet, while the church spreads the feast before Him.

Our responsibility in regard to any work does not diminish in proportion to our distance from it, but must be measured by the degree of its dependence upon us. Each of us will acknowledge that the care of her own family is the first and most sacred obligation resting upon woman, because—in the providence of God-there is no other provision made for this work. It is entirely dependent upon her. We are not ready to excuse the neglect of this duty even for the performance of others pressing and important, and yet woman's duty to her family does not relieve her of her duty as a member of society. As in her home work, so in her missionary work, the Lord has laid upon the woman of the church a sacred obligation,—to give the gospel to the women of moslem and heathen lands. He has made known His will by the circumstances through which He has brought woman to this work. He has given us the evidences of His providential call to it in these well-known facts: customs of those lands make it utterly impossible that women should hear the gospel in any other way, and, as yet, the Lord has opened no other avenue of access to them. 2d-The wonderful opening of the doors through which these women may be reached by us. 3d-The raising up of leaders who, though pioneers in this work, were wise and willing, to accomplish what is a wonder to the world in the way of organization. these reasons I believe this work to be to Christian women in missionary work the parallel to the care of her children in her home work.

Imagine this church to be filled with a motley throng of women, selected in just proportion as they exist upon the face of the earth to-day. A throng such as we shall meet before the judgment seat of God. Ten hundred souls might stand before us here. Of this great company 250 would be from China, 180 from India, 170 from Africa, and 30 from our own land. We hear the Master's voice, "Preach the Gospel to every · creature;" "Behold I come quickly." In this ten hundred souls are sixty christians, upon them rests the command. Master's step is near, and these must hasten to redeem the time, atone for past neglect, and tell the story of the cross to all these waiting souls. Here are Roman Catholic and those of other strange religions, 340 in all; and here are heathen, 600 heathen, and more than half of these are shut away from every sight and sound of man, cased in impenetrable veils, which only woman's voice can pierce. In such a case, what

christian woman here could fail to choose her special work. and while the preached gospel falls upon the ears of all the rest, what one could hesitate to use her few and precious moments to enlighten those whom she alone could reach? That was a striking incident recorded in the "Foreign Missionary" of the Chinaman who having found the Savior through some stray leaves from a testament, was exceedingly desirous to be baptized. There was no missionary within hundreds of miles, how could his all-absorbing desire be accomplished? While pondering this question he sat in his door, watching the rain descending in gentle showers, and the thought came to him, "why may not I be baptized by God the Father who is sending this water from the skies?" Stepping out beneath the falling drops, with bowed head he reverently said: I receive thy baptism O my Father, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. May not we, in a like humble and childlike spirit, open our hearts to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which our Father is even now pouring upon us? Remembering that the same blessed Spirit hovers over the vast waste places of our Savior's inheritance, waiting for the church to send the word which shall make it possible for Him to descend in showers of blessing.

IN HIS NAME.

MRS. J. B. STEWART.

The banner and the battle-cry have borne an important part in the history of the world.

A word crystallizes a great principle. A name embodies a system. Causes have been lost or won by the magic of a name.

There is a Name that stands alone. Principality, power, might, dominion, philosophy have vainly tried to write one beside it.

No name has so nerved the arm, inspired the heart, and confirmed the purpose; no name has so comforted, so sustained, so conquered.

No name has so affected the world, its institutions, its manners, its morals, its thought, its art.

This Name is the watchword of missions. First in its authority. About a hundred years ago a bishop publicly declared that "the obligations said to be incumbent upon Christians to promote their faith throughout the world had ceased with the trained, ordained and supernaturally endowed band of Apostles.

Is there one in this year of our Lord, 1884, who still relegates to these Apostles the awful burden of "preaching the Gospel to every creature." If so, prove your faith by your works. Here are John's words of Jesus; his story of the cross; here Paul's grand arguments for "justification by faith and the resurrection." Give wings to these life-giving leaves, they are for the healing of the nations.

The most important part of the work of our missionaries is the translating and distributing of the Scriptures, thus sending Christ by John and Paul and Peter to the nations. So that the Pentecostal miracle is repeated hundreds of times, of "every man hearing them speak in his own tongue, in which he was born, the wonderful works of God."

But was there no command laid upon me? Shall I relinquish my share in Christ's redemption; in the Last Supper; the prayer for His disciples? I cannot say, "I will take this and leave that; I will remember Christ and forget His command; I will be a partaker but not a witness. They are all, legacies and conditions, included in the last "will and testament." Those pierced hands, which were spread in benediction over the upturned faces on Olivet are laid in ordinating power upon every sincere disciple.

To women, especially, have the modern cavillers said: By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority?

No apology is needed for Woman's Work in Missions. No need to plead a special necessity. She belongs to the roya succession of the Sent.

The authority to win an entrance into the barred and bolted Zenana prisons, and into the barred and bolted hearts of their inmates, with hope for the hopeless, and life for the dead; to change the habitations of horrid cruelty, into sweet Christian homes, musical with the prattle of happy little children, and the lullabys of happy mother love; to educate, elevate and enoble woman, and, through her, man; the authority to do all this, woman does not receive from Presbytery, Board, Bishop, or General Assembly; but, from the Master Himself. His name is our Inspiration. How is it possible to be interested in millions whom we have never seen; millions yet unborn; ignorant, savage, repulsive, altogether unlovely people, almost on a level with the beasts? Isn't it asking too much of anybody but a Foreign Missionary?

The other night as I looked from my window, I saw a star framed in a tiny triangle of twigs. It was only a brilliant speck, a leaf would have hidden it from my view,—it was one of God's great suns!

Bring the telescopic power of Jesus' love to bear upon the vast nebulous mass of humanity, so vague and indistinct to our perceptions from its *denseness* and *distance*, and how quickly each individual will stand out in all his *personality* as an immortal being for whom Christ died!

"For the love of Christ" is each helping hand stretched out, and "in His name" is the bond of all organized effort. Each darkened soul responds to such Christlike unselfishness.

As I sat by the casket that contained all that was left of our precious Mrs. C. L. Thompson, watching the people come and gaze, lay down their tributes of affection and go out with tears, a company of fourteen Chinamen filed in. The leader bore a large cross of exquisite rose-buds—white, with a flush like the dawn upon them; the others bore baskets and bouquets of flowers. Their dark, impassive faces wore a new expression. The mystery of death they had long known. A light from beyond now shone upon it; this friend had taught them of Jesus and His resurrection. Nothing gave me such an insight into the breadth and power, beauty and influence of this earnest, modest

Christian soul, to whom the Master so early said, "Come up higher."

"Why does He do this? Why does He leave His own country and kin to teach us?" A voice from an old monastry, five hundred years ago, gave the secret. "The noble love of Jesus impels a man to do great things. Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing more courageous, nothing nobler, higher, wider, fuller. Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, thinks all, things possible. It is therefore able to undertake all things. He that is not prepared to suffer all things, and to stand to the will of his Beloved, is not worthy to be called a lover." More than a thousand years before, a greater than Thomas a Kempis said: "A new commandment I give unto you,—That ye love one another." "As I have loved you that ye love one another." How much did he love us? "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another."

In His name success is certain. "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." When? It is in the power of the church to speed or delay the triumph.

We are this day called to join the grand crusade of the nineteenth century, not for Christ's sepulchre, but for "his inheritance, the heathen and the uttermost ends of the earth." Some of our churches, and many of our Christian women, do not respond to the roll-call. Some are indifferent, and some positively opposed to foreign missions. If these classes were sharply defined, and all in a body, we might send a missionary to labor with them, but they are scattered among our churches and must be reached by personal influence. This is your foreign field and mine.

Many Christian women have failed in missionary interest by not identifying themselves with "Woman's Work for Heathen Women." My meaning may be best illustrated by the experience of one who dates all of her *intelligent* interest in missions from the meeting of the Board of the Northwest in this city, in this church nine years ago.

She had been for twenty years a Christian, almost as long a minister's wife. She believed in missions, but had the idea not altogether obsolete in our day, that our own country, and especially our own church, needed all of our labor and the most of our money. She believed in foreign missions, and was very particular to contribute her "mite" to the "annual collection" because it was for one of the "Boards of our church," and the thing to do "decently and in order" once a year (on no account oftener.) She, with others, became a subject of the grand missionary awakening of the last ten years. We have been attending a most delightful school. We have been studying geography, history, biography, ethnology, in the highest of all relations-that of our duty to God and man. Our narrow field has expanded. We find it just twenty-five thousand miles in circumference. We have been looking up our kindred. find that hundreds of millions of them are in the greatest extremity of want. Our Elder Brother has made a perfect provision for their present and future necessities, and has made us His executors. Some, for the great love they bear to the Giver, have gone in person to distribute His bounty. We have tried to enter into fellowship with them, in their service of love—as they have with Christ, and it has been a blessed communion. In true womanliness, in intellectual culture, in rich spiritual growth and refreshment, we have received "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

We are learning to comprehend the sublime reaches of our special work; that next to the Atonement of Christ, stands the elevation and christianizing of the women of the world; with her we left the home, the husband, the children, the church and the State.

Much of the indifference and opposition to missions, arises from ignorance of missions. Said a friend to me the other day: "Now there is Mexico, a very interesting country right at our door; why don't some of you zealous people establish a mission in Mexico?" My friend knew nothing of our Mexican missions, and had never heard of Miss Rankin. They are continually bringing up the old objections that have been answered

hundreds of times—the old worn-out falsehoods that have been as often disproved. They read no missionary literature, attend no missionary meetings. In these days of culture and opportunity, people are fascinated as never before, with fashion, science, art. The "end of book-making" seems farther away than it did to Solomon, but his "much study" has become a delight.

Our age has made the discovery, that if "poets are born," artists are made. Our designs, graving, curtains, embroidery, fine twined linen, with open work, our carving and our beaten brass, rival the cunning work of Bezaleel, or of "the Son of a woman of the daughters of Dan." Each day is mortgaged before it is born. Christians are liable to be drawn into the inordinate pursuit of even lawful things, and to encroach upon the Lord's time, the Lord's work, and the Lord's money, and to offer to Him the remnants of exhausted sympathy, strength and gifts—dregs of full cups, which selfishness and worldliness have drained.

We sit in our churches and sing:

"No darkness have we who in Jesus abide, The Light of the world is Jesus. Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes, Go wash at His bidding, and light will arise; Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee, The Light of the world is Jesus."

The light of the world is Jesus! The "dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes" are far away, they cannot hear our songs. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" "How shall he preach except he be sent?"

In many of our churches there are hundreds of little graves where the despised and unused talent lies buried in a napkin. If the voice of awakened conscience does not speak loudly enough to cause a resurrection to life and activity, the voice of the returning Master will one day be heard proclaiming a resurrection to condemnation, "Thou wicked and slothful servant!" "Blessed are they that have a part in the first resurrection!"

How His Name ought to inspire us with faith and prayer, the two strong arms of mission work. "Ask what ye will in my

Name," "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (I seemed to catch the spirit and meaning of that promise, when I read of one, who, upon receiving news of a gift of three thousand dollars to found a hospital in Persia, immediately knelt down, and thanked the dear Lord, and asked him to please to send money to finish it.)

Imagine the churches of Immanuel and Calvary in this city, declaring themselves "ready for an independent movement beyond the sea." Imagine them without their wealth, without their fine churches, without the prestige of the great Presbyterian Church behind them; a band of six hundred fugitives, seeking religious liberty, declaring it their purpose, "to give the glorious gospel to the largest possible number of those who never heard it," to seek the hardest fields, and labor for those whom others passed by. Oh for more churches with the Moravian Spirit! Well has it been said, "If all the Protestant Churches had been equally devoted, equally enterprising for the last one hundred and fifty years, not one unevangelized man or woman would now remain on earth."

Appliances may be lacking, money may be lacking, but with such apostolic faith and prayer, success is certain. What are the signs of ultimate success? A recent writer in the Century says: "The growth of the grain of mustard seed, the spread of the leaven, have a reality and impressiveness which the most skeptical minds are capable of recognizing."

It were well if the chart which represents with such appalling fidelity the religious condition of the world were hung in every church; and, lest its black squares should too much dishearten, beside it should hang a mosaic, the outline of which was made by God by the hand of His prophets, and the filling up by His Providence exercised through His church.

"The isles shall wait for His law; the multitude of the isles shall be glad thereof." In all the waters of the earth, these Christian islands rear their green heads, reclaimed from base idolatry.

"Kings shall see and arise; princes also shall worship." "Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness

of thy rising." "Kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and queens thy nursing mothers." Since the days of Paul there have been those of Cæsar's household who have become witnesses for Christ—Madagascar, Siam, Victoria in her great Indian Empire.

"Behold, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim." "I will say unto the north, 'Give up,' and to the south, 'Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.' "—Indians, Africans, Japanese and Chinese in the Christian colleges of America.

Discovery, commerce and Christian civilization throwing doors wide open—Africa, Japan, Corea. Steam, electricity and modern invention have made a way in the wilderness. Prejudice, fanaticism, superstition, are melting away, making the "rough places plain" and the "crooked places straight."

Religious liberty, the church, the Christian home and family have made "gladness in the solitary place, springs and blossoms in the desert."

"A nation shall be born in a day."—Burmah and the Sandwich Islands. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." Contrast Britain before Patrick landed on Ireland or Augustine on Thanet, before Iona or Lindisfarne, with the British Empire of to-day—the heart of Christendom throbbing, intense, driving the religious activities of the world.

Christmas chimes now ring around the globe the triumphs of *His Name*—precious name, all conquering name! The "Immanuel" of prophetic vision—"Christ the Lord" of the Angel's song—the apostolic battle-cry, "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Watchward of the reformation! Rallying cry of the Huguenot and the brave Vaudois, it rang from Alpine valley to crag.

On the icy coast of Greenland, on St. Helena, at Sierra Leone, on the plain of Oroomiah, on Mt. Seir,—behind the little mission churches in every heathen land, are lonely graves, where sweetly sleep those whose inspiration in life, and whose confidence in death was "in His Name;" who, with unflinching courage, and

in unfaltering faith, bore the Banner of His Cross far into the the darkness of heathenism. "To those who have borne and had patience, and for My Name's sake have labored, and have not fainted, I will give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." "And they shall see His face, and His Name shall be in their foreheads."

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ARTICLE I.

This society shall be called the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to promote an interest among the Christian women of the Northwest in the work of Foreign Missions, and to work in cooperation with the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, six Vice-Presidents, or more—two of them residents of Chicago—three or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, sixteen or more Managers, and an Auditor. These officers shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall constitute an Executive Committee, with power to appoint such sub-committees from their number as shall be necessary for the furtherance of the work in which the Society is engaged. They shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in the Board, and of appointing corresponding members when the interests of the Society demand it.

ARTICLE IV.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute a membership, and twenty-five dollars a life-membership.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be heldwhich time the Executive Committee shall report the progress of society, the condition of its treasury, and make such suggestions in their judgment, the interest of the Society may require.

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ARTICLE VI.

A meeting of the Society shall be held every week, at ten o'clock on Friday morning, for mutual consultation, and the adoption of such measures as the prosperity of the mission work may suggest.

ARTICLE VII.

At the weekly meetings five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

No special meeting shall be called except by the consent of the President, one Vice-President and one Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

Any number of ladies who may form an organization for the same purpose as the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions, and desire to cooperate therewith, may become Auxiliary, by reporting the same to one of the Home Secretaries of the Society.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XI.

- SECTION 1. This Board will work in harmony with, and under the supervision of the authorities of the Assembly's Board of Missions of the Presbyterian church, and be subject to its approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries, and in the designation of their fields of labor; and in the support of Bible readers and pupils in the foreign field.
- SEC. 2. All missionaries supported by this Board shall be approved by the constituted Missionary authorities of the Presbyterian Church, and shall labor under their direction, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries of their particular mission.
- SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions of the Board, and pay them into the treasury of the Assembly's Boards f Missions, as designated by the Auxiliaries, and all funds not the designated shall be appropriated according to the decision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

The President or one of the officers shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and shall notify new members of their appointment.

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